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> In the compound republic of America, the power surrendered by the people is first divided between two distinct governments...It is of great importance in a republic not only to guard the society against the oppression of its rulers, but to guard one part of the society against the injustice of the other part.

Guiding Questions

1. In the first line, what does the word "compound" mean?

2. Does the author present a case for a strong central government or a weak central government?

   a. Key words from text that support your answer: