

The Three Branches

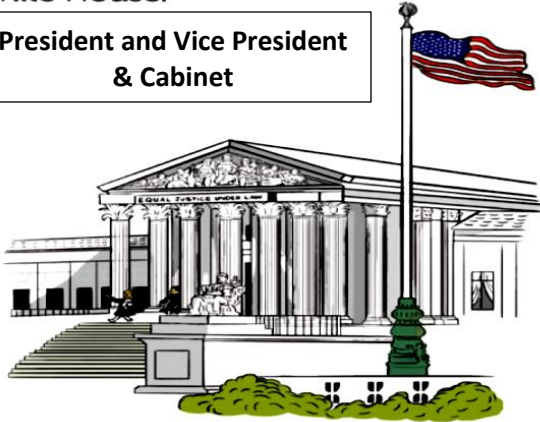


Executive Branch:

The president leads the executive branch, carrying out laws, vetoing laws, directing national defense, and directing government. This branch works in the White House.



President and Vice President
& Cabinet



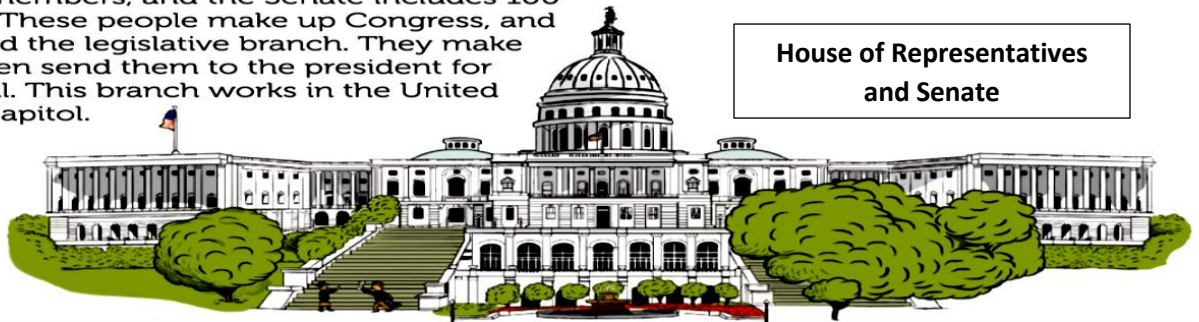
Judicial Branch:

The Supreme Court, made of nine judges, leads the Judicial Branch. This branch reviews laws and decides cases that involve states' rights. This branch works in the Supreme Court Building.

The Supreme Court

Legislative Branch:

The House of Representatives includes 435 voting members, and the Senate includes 100 people. These people make up Congress, and they lead the legislative branch. They make laws, then send them to the president for approval. This branch works in the United States Capitol.



House of Representatives
and Senate

The Constitution establishes a government of three branches, with separate powers for each branch. By dividing power, the framers hoped to ensure that no single branch would become too powerful.



Legislative

- Makes the laws
- Appropriates funds for laws and programs
- Approves treaties and executive appointments
- Establishes federal courts



Executive




- Enforces the laws
- Acts as commander in chief of military
- Negotiates treaties
- Appoints federal judges and other top officials



Judicial

- Interprets the laws
- Reviews lower-court decisions
- Judges whether laws and executive actions are constitutional
- Rules on cases between states

CHECKS AND BALANCES

<p>Executive Branch (President carries out laws)</p> 	<p>Checks on the Legislative Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can propose laws Can veto laws Can call special sessions of Congress Makes appointments Negotiates foreign treaties 	<p>Checks on the Judicial Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoints federal judges Can grant pardons to federal offenders
<p>Legislative Branch (Congress makes laws)</p> 	<p>Checks on the Executive Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can override President's veto Confirms executive appointments Ratifies treaties Can declare war Appropriates money Can impeach and remove President 	<p>Checks on the Judicial Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates lower federal courts Can impeach and remove judges Can propose amendments to overrule judicial decisions Approves appointments of federal judges
<p>Judicial Branch (Supreme Court interprets laws)</p> 	<p>Check on the Executive Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can declare executive actions unconstitutional 	<p>Check on the Legislative Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional

1. Go to this website and Play the three Branches game:

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/usa_game/government/branches_government.htm Read the information and click the yellow arrow to play the game. Write down your score.

Mistakes: _____

2. Go to this website and Play the Checks and Balances game:

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/usa_game/government/checks_and_balances.htm Read the information and click the yellow arrow to play the game. Write down your missed answer score.

Mistakes: _____

3. Go to this website and Play the Checks and Balances game:

<http://www.quia.com/rr/1083341.html> Read the information and click the yellow arrow to play the game. Write down your missed answer score. **Score:** _____

Directions: Complete the diagram below by answering all questions completely.

BRANCHES OF THE US GOVERNMENT

FILL IN THE BRANCHES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.



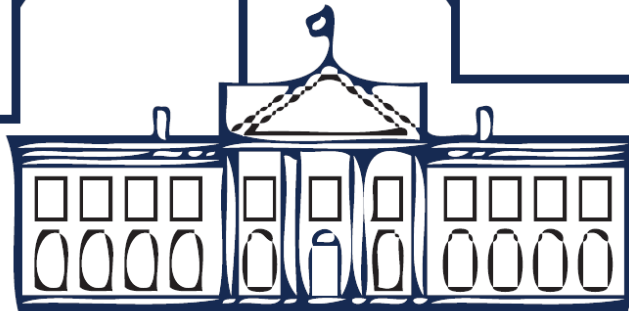
CAPITOL BUILDING

CONSTITUTION



4) Which Branch?

6) Which Branch?



WHITE HOUSE

5) Which Branch?

Who's in there?

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Directions: Complete the checks and balances chart by writing the correct branch of gov't for each power.

Power	Which Branch has the Power?	Which Branch has Checking Power? (it can be more than one or None)
7) Passes laws		
8) Veto's Bills		
9) Negotiates Treaties		
10) Appoints Judges		
11) Impeaches Presidents		
12) Picks Presidential appointees		
13) Writes Laws		
14) Interprets laws		
15) Declares Executives actions unconstitutional		