

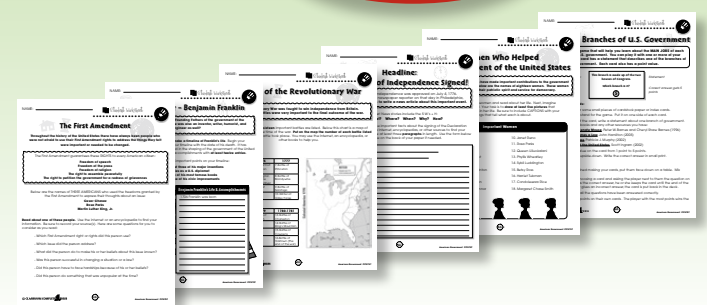
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Divisions of Each Branch of Government

Vice-President of the United States	Executive Branch
divisions	Judicial Branch
Speaker of the House of Representatives	Legislative Branch
Cabinet	three
Chief Executive of the United States	Congress

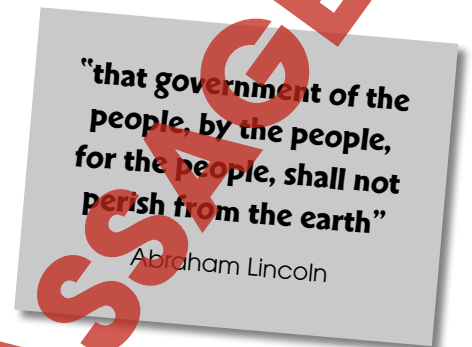
1. Use the terms above to complete the sentences.

The government of the United States of America is divided into _____^a branches. Each branch has several sections or _____^b. The role of the _____^c is to make sure that all of the laws of the United States are obeyed. The president is also known as the _____^d. The people who lead the 15 federal agencies that assist the president are called the President's _____^e. The role of the _____^f is to write, debate, and pass new laws. This branch is made up of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Together, these sections are known as _____^g. The person who leads the House of Representatives is called the _____^h. The _____ⁱ also serves as the President of the Senate. The Supreme Court is part of the _____^j. Its main job is to answer questions about the meaning of laws and whether or not they follow the Constitution of the United States.



Divisions of Each Branch of Government

As you have already learned, there are three branches of the federal government: **executive, legislative, and judicial**. The Constitution of the United States describes the duties of each one. Each branch has many sections or divisions. The people in each division work hard to make sure all of the work is done.



The Executive Branch

The President of the United States is the **Chief Executive** of the country. The president is the **head of the executive branch of government**. The president and his assistants make up the **Executive Office of the President (EOP)**. They have many jobs to do. One is to **oversee the White House operations**. Another is to **direct the office of the vice-president**. **Managing other councils or groups of people** is also a job of the EOP.

The U.S. Constitution gives the president the powers to do many things. The president appoints federal officials and members of the Supreme Court. The president and other EOP members work out treaties. Also, the president is the Commander in Chief of the armed forces. The President's **Cabinet** (group of advisors) also helps with the many duties of the EOP.

STOP **What Do You Think?** Could the president complete all the duties of the Executive Office of the President alone? Why or why not?

The Legislative Branch

The **legislative branch** of the federal government includes the **House of Representatives and the Senate**. Together, these houses are called **Congress**. The jobs of Congress are to **write, debate, and pass new laws**.

Divisions of Each Branch of Government

1. Circle the word True if the statement is true. Circle the word False if it's false.

- a) The President's Cabinet is in the Oval Office and holds his important papers.
True False
- b) One of the President's jobs is to be in charge of the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force.
True False
- c) The Supreme Court has the power to tax people.
True False
- d) The Military Court of Appeals can overturn the decisions of the United States Supreme Court.
True False
- e) There are twelve U.S. Courts of Appeals.
True False

2. Use the terms in the list to answer each question. Each term may be used more than once.

Executive Branch	Legislative Branch	Judicial Branch	President	Vice-President
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- a) The President of the United States is the head of this branch of government.
- b) This branch of government writes, debates, and passes new laws.
- c) This branch of government oversees all military trials and legal business.
- d) This branch of government has the authority to print money and declare war.
- e) This person is the president pro-tempore of the Senate.
- f) This person is the leader of the Executive Office of the President.
- g) This branch of government answers questions about the U.S. Constitution.
- h) This leader appoints Supreme Court justices.

Here are six writing tasks about the government of the United States. Be sure to think about all that you have learned about the United States government as you write. Write your answers in complete sentences in your notebook.

- Task #1 Every country on earth has some kind of government even though all governments are not alike. Organize your thoughts and knowledge about government and discuss the purpose(s) of government. In the United States' system of government, who or what are most important?
- Task #2 The Constitution of the United States has a very important purpose for its government. What is that purpose? What is the Constitution sometimes called?
- Task #3 The Declaration of Independence states that all citizens have certain rights. What are three of these rights? What document gives the citizens these and other rights?
- Task #4 Rights always come along with responsibilities. Think about the rights you discussed in Writing Task 3 as well as others. Discuss at least one of the responsibilities that comes along with them.
- Task #5 All countries have problems which must be solved. Some of these problems are so serious that they are present in most countries (for example, poverty). If you were president of the United States, which three problems would you try to solve? What would you do to solve them?
- Task #6 The powers of all three branches of the U.S. government are equal. What document limits the powers of each branch? What is this limiting of powers called? Do you think that these limitations are good or bad? Tell why.



Crossword Puzzle!

Word List

impeach	rights
enforce	nine
ratify	elected
Congress	nominate
government	Senate
House	resign
Ben	George
democracy	good
	power
	term
	defend
	anarchy
	veto

Across

- The person or group of people who make the rules or laws for everyone else
- In the United States government, leaders are _____ or chosen by the people
- The ability to control someone or something
- To put the president on trial
- Congress is made up of the House of Representatives and the _____
- To keep safe from danger or attack
- Privileges that are due to people by law
- To approve a rule or a law
- To say no to a proposed law or bill
- _____ Franklin
- _____ Washington

Down

- A government should provide for the common _____ of its citizens
- To command obedience to _____
- The number of justices (judges) on the U.S. Supreme Court
- Length of time in elected office
- Makes federal laws
- Exists when there is no government in a country
- To choose or select _____
- A form of government in which the people choose who governs them
- The _____ of Representatives
- To quit or leave office

Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

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|------------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| government | powers | anarchy | resign |
| veto | branch | ratify | laws |
| Congress | legislate | run | leader |
| vote | election | party | debate |
| checks | democracy | justice | war |
| senator | president | constitutional | clerk |
| bill | poll | judges | campaign |

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g	h	a	i	j	a	k	l	m	n	c	o	n	p	t	q	o	r
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h	f	e	g	h	s	i	j	k	l	m	n	n	o	r	p	q	r
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a	k	l	p	r	e	s	i	d	e	n	t	m	n	o	p	q	y
r	r	s	o	t	l	u	v	w	x	y	z	p	a	r	t	y	a
b	i	l	l	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	u	l	m	n
o	p	q	l	a	n	o	i	t	u	t	i	t	s	n	o	c	r

Comprehension Quiz

Part B

Answer each question in complete sentences.

- Explain why the framers of the Constitution built a system of **checks and balances** into the three branches of government. 1

- Briefly tell how a bill becomes a federal law. 3

- Describe the qualifications a person must have to run for **president** or **vice-president** of the United States. 3

- Name each **branch** of the federal government and tell what each one does. 6

- What form(s) of government is the best for its citizens and why? 2

SUBTOTAL: /15

The Supreme Court (Washington D.C.)



NAME: _____

After You Read 



Divisions of Each Branch of Government

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. Explain why a senator or congressman should have a good understanding of business and how to use money.

4. In which branch of government would being an **attorney** (lawyer) be the greatest help? Why?

5. Explain why the President of the United States needs to have a great ability to understand people and to encourage them to get along with each other.

6. In your opinion, should the President of the United States stay at home in the White House all of the time or should he travel throughout the country and to other countries in the world? Why?

7. What does each branch of the federal government do? Complete the organizer on the next page.

EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

8. Become a Research Detective!

Use your encyclopedia or Internet search engine to find the answer to the following:

Can a woman be President of the United States? If you find that women can be President, has there ever been one? When is the next presidential election in the United States?

3. Accept any reasonable answer

4. Accept any reasonable answer

5. Accept any reasonable answer

6. Accept any reasonable answer

7. Legislative: makes laws for the nation
Executive: makes sure laws are obeyed
Judicial: answers questions about the meaning of laws, decides whether laws follow the constitution

8. Yes, a woman can be President. As of 2006, no woman has been president. The next election for president should be verified

Answers will vary

Across:

- 1. government
- 5. elected
- 6. power
- 7. impeach
- 11. Senate
- 12. defend
- 13. rights
- 14. ratify
- 17. veto
- 18. Ben
- 19. George

Down:

- 1. good
- 2. enforce
- 3. nine
- 4. term
- 8. Congress
- 9. anarchy
- 10. nominate
- 12. democracy
- 15. House
- 16. resign

