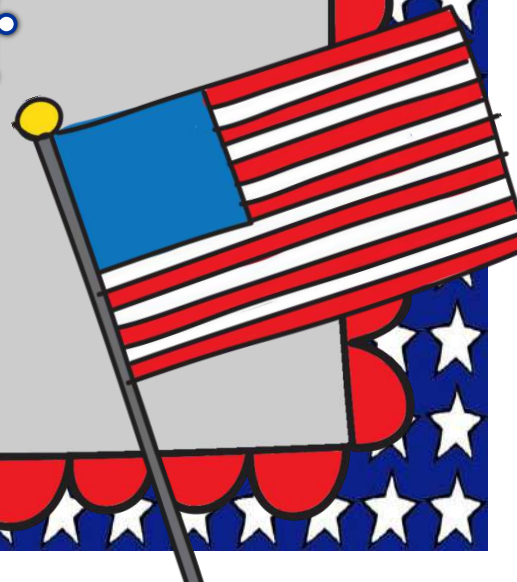


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Executive Branch

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1. Who is the leader of the Executive Branch of government?

2. Name three other parts of the Executive Branch.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

3. The President is seen as the leader of the _____
and is both the head of _____ and the Commander-in-Chief of
the US _____.

4. What is one of the main powers of the President?

5. One of the jobs of the President is to enforce and implement the laws set in
place by _____.

6.

Requirements to Become President of the United States	
1.	
2.	
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7. What is the main job of the Vice President?

8. The Executive Office of the President (EOP) helps to keep _____

9. _____ is made up of the heads of 15 different departments. They all must be approved by the _____.

Legislative Branch

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10. _____ is another name for the Legislative Branch.


11. What are the two parts that make up Congress?

1) _____

2) _____

12.

Senate	House of Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Senate has _____ members.• Each state has _____ Senators.• Senators are elected every _____.• To become a Senator a person must be at least _____ years old, have been a US citizen for at least 9 years, and must live in the state they represent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• _____ total Representatives in the House.• Each state has a different number of representatives depending on their total _____.• Representatives are elected every _____ years.• They must be _____ years old, have been a US citizen for at least 7 years, and live in the state they represent.• The _____ _____ is the leader of the House of Representative.• The Speaker is _____ in line in succession to the President.



13. For a law to be made it must go through a bunch of steps called the _____.

14. What are some of Congress' other powers?

Judicial Branch

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15. Who makes up the Judicial Branch?

16. The job of the courts is to _____. They do not make _____.

17. Name the highest court in the United States: _____

18. _____ nominates all the Supreme Court members and the _____ confirms them.

Checks and Balances

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19. Why was the system of checks and balances created?

20. For example, the president may _____ a law passed by Congress. Congress can _____ that veto with a vote of two-thirds of both houses.

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Three Branches of Government WebQuest – Answer Key

Executive Branch

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1. Who is the leader of the Executive Branch of government?

President of the United States

2. Name three other parts of the Executive Branch.

- 1) **Vice President**
- 2) **Executive Office of the President**
- 3) **The Cabinet**

3. The President is seen as the leader of the **US government** and is both the head of **state** and the Commander-in-Chief of the US **armed forces**.

4. What is one of the main powers of the President?

One of the main powers of the President is the power to sign legislation from Congress into law or to veto it.

5. One of the jobs of the President is to enforce and implement the laws set in place by **Congress**.

6.

Requirements to Become President of the United States	
1.	At least 35 years old.
2.	A natural born US Citizen.
3.	Live in the United States for at least 14 years.

7. What is the main job of the Vice President?

The main job of the Vice President is to be ready to take over for the President if something should happen to the President.

8. The Executive Office of the President (EOP) helps to keep **the Executive Branch** running smoothly despite its wide range of responsibilities.

9. **The Cabinet** is made up of the heads of 15 different departments. They all must be approved by the **Senate**.

Legislative Branch

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10. **Congress** is another name for the Legislative Branch.

11. What are the two parts that make up Congress?

- 1) **Senate**
- 2) **House of Representatives**

12.

Senate	House of Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Senate has 100 members.• Each state has two Senators.• Senators are elected every 6 years.• To become a Senator a person must be at least 30 years old, have been a US citizen for at least 9 years, and must live in the state they represent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 435 total Representatives in the House.• Each state has a different number of representatives depending on their total population.• Representatives are elected every two years.• They must be 25 years old, have been a US citizen for at least 7 years, and live in the state they represent.• The Speaker of the House is the leader of the House of Representative.• The Speaker is third in line in succession to the President.

13. For a law to be made it must go through a bunch of steps called the **Legislative Process**.



14. What are some of Congress' other powers?

Congress creates an annual budget for the government and taxes the citizens to pay for it. Another important congressional power is the power to declare war.

The Senate has the specific job to ratify treaties with other countries. They also confirm presidential appointments.

Congress also performs government oversight. They are supposed to make sure that the government is spending the tax money on the right things and that the different branches of government are doing their jobs.

Judicial Branch

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15. Who makes up the Judicial Branch?

Judges and courts make up the Judicial Branch.

16. The job of the courts is to **interpret the laws of the Congress**. They do not make **laws**.

17. Name the highest court in the United States: **The Supreme Court**

18. **The President** nominates all the Supreme Court members and the **Senate** confirms them.

Checks and Balances

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19. Why was the system of checks and balances created?

The checks and balances system was built so that no one branch of our government could become too powerful.

20. For example, the president may **veto** a law passed by Congress. Congress can **override** that veto with a vote of two-thirds of both houses.



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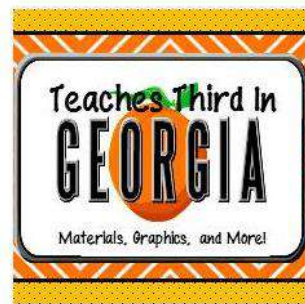
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