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Unit 2 – The Constitution

The Balance of Government - Out Government's Seesaw

The three branches of our government - the Legislative Branch, Executive, and Judicial Branches - each have powers that make them equally powerful. They're like three people who weigh the same taking turns on a seesaw - no matter which two are on the seesaw at opposite ends, they always stay balanced.

Using the information below, fill in the seesaws on the following pages to show how each branch balances the other.

Legislative:

Makes laws

Can override a President's veto of a bill by 2/3 vote

Can impeach a President for misconduct

Must approve judicial appointments

Must approve treaties

Can remove judges from office for misconduct

Executive:

Makes treaties with other nations

Carries out laws

Vetoes bills Congress passes if he or she thinks they are wrong

Appoints judges in the Judicial Branch for a life term

Writes the budget

Judicial:

Interprets laws

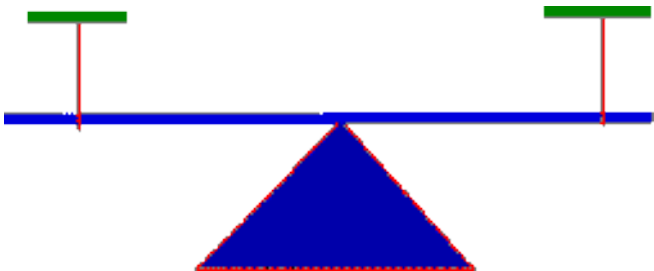
Decides if laws that Congress makes are Constitutional

Decides if decisions that the President makes are Constitutional

Have a life term

Legislative:

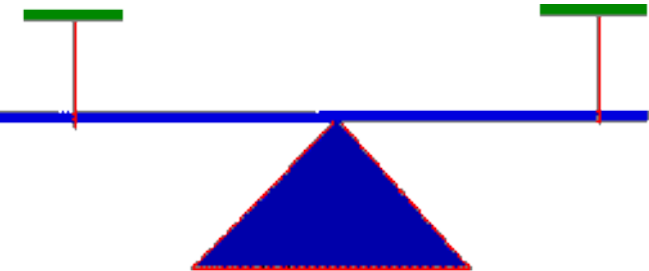
Makes laws



Executive:

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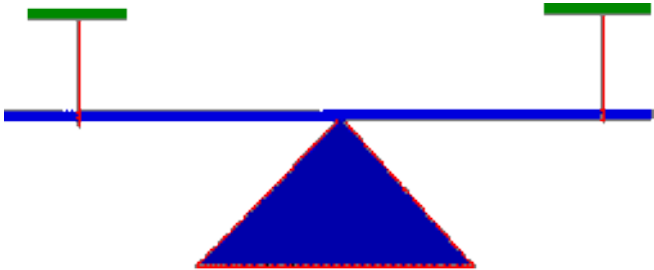
Writes the budget



Judicial:

Legislative:

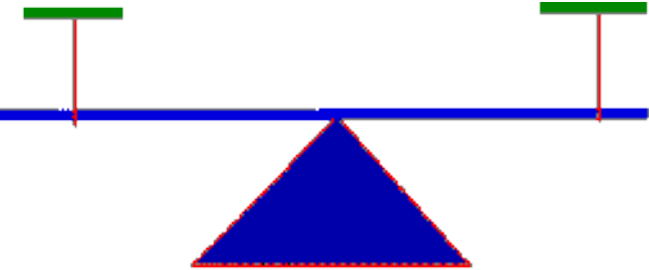
Makes laws



Judicial:

Executive:

Appoints judges

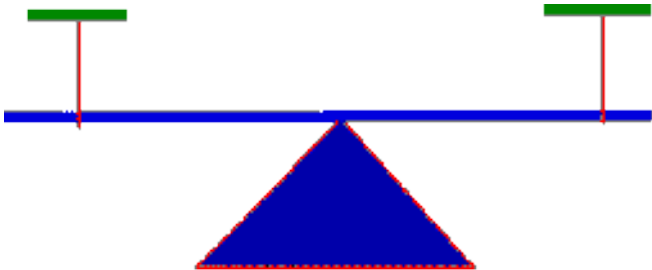


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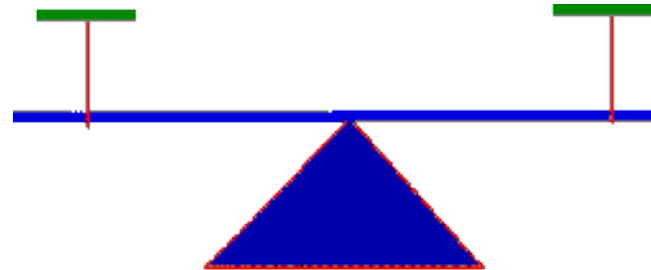
Appointed by President



Make your own:

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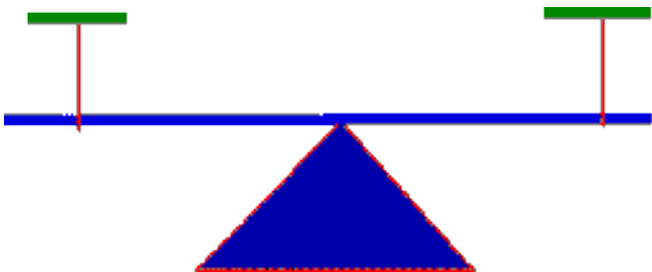


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