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GOVERNMENT BRANCHES

Describe the makeup of each of the three branches of the federal government. For each branch, include an explanation of how it can exert power over the other two branches.



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MATCHING

Match each word to the statement that best describes it. Some words may be used more than once.

A – CABINET

E – CONGRESS

I – JUDICIAL BRANCH

B – CHECKS AND BALANCES

F – EXECUTIVE BRANCH

J – LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

C – COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

G – HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

K – SENATE

D – CONSTITUTION

H – IMPEACHMENT

L – SUPREME COURT

- 1. A system in which no one government branch has too much power
- 2. A tool the legislative branch has to remove the President or a Supreme Court justice
- 3. Made up of the President, Vice President, and heads of government agencies and departments
- 4. Made up of 100 members—two from each state
- 5. The document that established U.S. government branches
- 6. The name given to the House of Representatives and Senate together
- 7. Made up of nine justices who review and rule on court cases
- 8. The government branch with the job of writing new laws
- 9. The government branch that carries out laws and directs foreign policy and national defense
- 10. The members of this group are determined by the population of each state
- 11. The government branch that interprets the Constitution and shapes the law
- 12. Advises the president, and its members must be approved by the legislative branch
- 13. Has the power to consider treaties with foreign countries
- 14. Title the President has over the military
- 15. Has the power to introduce government spending bills

	Executive Branch	Legislative Branch	Judicial Branch
Who or what makes up this branch?			
What are the main jobs of this branch? How do they get this job?			
What is the term for this branch?			
Other information			

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