

Three Branches of Government

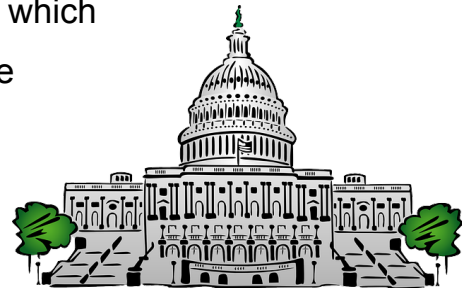
Name _____

Directions: fill in the blanks below with terms from the word bank.

appeals	legislative	veto
balances	majority	veto
bicameral	native	Vice President
bill	override	Washington, DC
cabinet	pardon	2/3
congress	population	2
Constitutional	president	2
departments	president	3
district	reverse	6
docket	review	9
executive	Senate	14
House of Representatives	Senate	35
judicial	sign	94
jury	Supreme	

Our government has _____ branches. They are the _____ branch which makes laws, the _____ branch which enforces laws, and the _____ branch which interprets our laws.

The legislative body that makes laws for the United States is called _____. It is _____ which means it has two different houses. These houses are the _____ which has 100 members, and the _____ which has 435 members. Senators serve _____ year terms which Representatives serve _____ year terms.



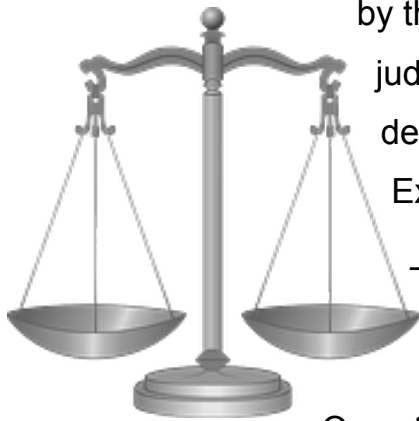
Each state has _____ Senators and the number of Representatives they have is based on their _____.



The Executive Branch is led by the _____ who must be a _____ born citizen, _____ years old, and a _____ year resident of the United States. The _____ is next in the line of succession. He/

she is also the leader of the Senate. The president also has a _____, which are his advisors. They are the 15 heads of the 15 executive _____, and the president appoints them to their job. When Congress passes a proposed law called a _____ it is sent to the president to _____ which makes it law, or to _____ if he doesn't like it. The president can also _____ someone which completely forgives them of a crime they have committed.

The main court in the Judicial Branch is called the _____ Court. It is located in _____. There are _____ justices in the Supreme Court. They are appointed by the _____ and approved by the _____.



This court has a power called judicial _____ which allows them to examine decisions made by lower courts, the Legislative, and the Executive Branch and decide if they are _____.

If the Supreme Court wants to hear a case appealed from a lower court, it places it on the calendar called a _____.

Once they hear the case, it takes a _____ vote to decide who wins. Below the Supreme Court, there are 12 _____ courts. There, a panel of 3 judges can uphold, _____, or remand the case to a lower court for a new trial. The lowest courts in the federal court system are called _____ courts. There are _____ of these courts throughout the country. These are the only courts that have a judge and a _____, which is a group of citizens who decide the verdict.

Each branch has power over the others, which is known as the system of checks and _____. For example, the president can _____ a bill passed by Congress. Congress can _____ the veto with _____ vote. All three branches work together to make sure our laws are made, enforced, and interpreted for the welfare of American citizens.