

## Executive Branch (President) WebQuest



One major part of the Constitution is that the government is made up of three different branches. These branches include the Executive Branch (the president and the cabinet), the Congress (House and the Senate), and the Judicial Branch (the Supreme Court). By creating three branches of government, the founding fathers wanted no group or person to become too powerful. The three branches would "balance" the power of the other branches.

The President balances the power of the other two branches by having the power to veto the laws of congress and appointing the judges of the Supreme Court. The Congress is able to create laws and, in special cases, remove the President from office. The Congress also gets to approve the President's nominations to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court can declare a law unconstitutional and has the final say on many court cases.

Using the following web page, read about the Executive Branch of the government.

[http://www.ducksters.com/history/us\\_executive\\_branch.php](http://www.ducksters.com/history/us_executive_branch.php)

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

2. Even though the President holds all of the power for this branch, there are three other parts. Name the three.

3. Fill in the blanks.

The President is seen as the leader of the U.S. Government and is both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the US armed forces.



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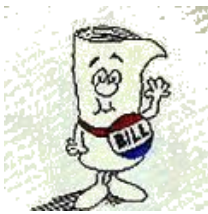


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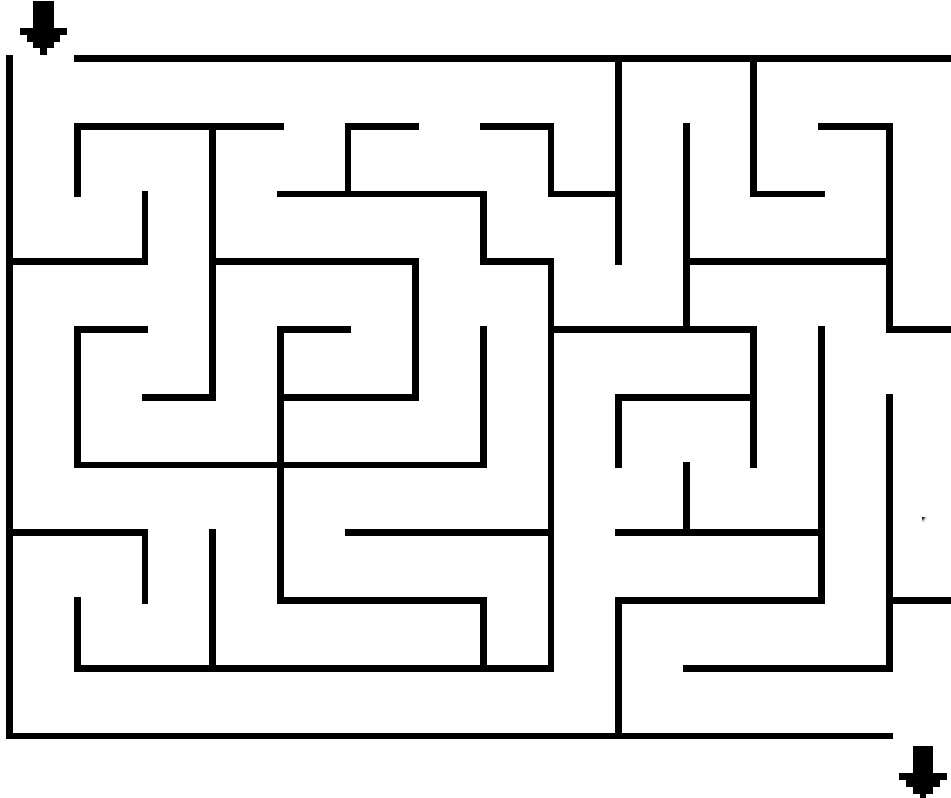
All members of the Cabinet must be approved by the Senate?

10. Find the link to the ten question quiz at Executive Branch - The President questions page.

Take the quiz and record your best score. \_\_\_\_\_



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Did you know that Andrew Johnson, the 17th President of the United States, was a tailor before he was President? George Washington's favorite foods was ice cream. Using the web address below, read about some of the interesting facts about past Presidents.



<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/history/presidential-fun-facts/>

Connect the President to his previous occupation.  
First one is a sample.

Andrew Johnson	chopping rails for fences
Jimmy Carter	actor
Ronald Reagan	tailor
Harry Truman	peanut farmer
Abraham Lincoln	haberdasher

List three other names that the White house was called before 1901.

There are a lot of interesting facts on this page. Choose one and tell your favorite.

## Legislative Branch (Congress) WebQuest



The Legislative Branch is also called the Congress. There are two parts that make up Congress: the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The Legislative Branch is the part of the government that writes up and votes on laws, also called legislation. Other powers of the Congress include declaring war, confirming Presidential appointments for groups like the Supreme Court and the Cabinet, and investigating power.

Using the web address below, read about this important part of the U.S Government.

[http://www.ducksters.com/history/us\\_legislative\\_branch.php](http://www.ducksters.com/history/us_legislative_branch.php)

1. How many Representatives are there ? How many Senators?

2. Fill in the blanks.

Representatives are elected every \_\_\_\_\_ years. They must be \_\_\_\_ years old, have been a US citizen for at least \_\_\_\_ years, and \_\_\_\_\_ they represent.

3. Fill in the blanks.

Senators are elected every \_\_\_\_ years. To become a Senator a person must be at least \_\_\_\_ years old, have been a US citizen for at least \_\_\_\_ years, and \_\_\_\_\_ they represent.

4. Who chooses the Speaker of the House and what very important position does he hold?

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5. The steps a bill must go through to become a law is called?

6. After the two Houses vote on the bill, what is the last step for it to become a law?

7. List three other responsibilities of Congress.

8. Take a ten question quiz at the [Legislative Branch – Congress questions page](#). Record your best score.

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## Judicial Branch (Supreme Court) WebQuest



The Judicial Branch of the government is made up of judges and courts. The judges are not elected by the people like the president and members of congress, they are appointed by the president and then confirmed by the Senate.

Using the following web page read about the Supreme Court and the Judicial Branch of the U.S. Government.

[http://www.ducksters.com/history/us\\_judicial\\_branch.php](http://www.ducksters.com/history/us_judicial_branch.php)

1. Federal Judges are appointed for life. What is the reason for this?

2. Fill in the blanks.

The job of the courts is to \_\_\_\_\_ the laws of the Congress. They \_\_\_\_\_ make laws. They also only make decisions on actual cases where someone has shown that they have been \_\_\_\_\_.

3. What is the name of the highest court and how many justices do we have now?

4. Who nominates the Supreme Court Justices and who must confirm their position.

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5. Although the Supreme Court receives many requests for review they only consider about how many important enough to review?

6. Name at least three rights citizens are guaranteed in the Judicial Process.

7. If the person accused of a crime can't afford a lawyer what happens?

8. If a jury finds the accused not guilty, what happens?

9. If a jury finds the accused guilty, what happens?

10. Can you appeal a Supreme Court decision?

11. If someone thinks their case wasn't handled fairly, what can they do?

Take the 10 question quiz at the bottom of the page and see what you learned about the Judicial Branch of the Government.