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Legislative – _____ the laws

Executive – headed by the president, _____ the laws

Judicial – runs federal courts and decides whether or not the laws agree with the _____

Made sure no branch could become too powerful to become too powerful

This system is called _____ and _____

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The United States _____ is made up of two houses:

The _____ and the House of _____

Barack Obama is a Senator from what state? _____

Hillary Clinton is a Senator from what state? _____

	HOUSE of REPS	SENATE
How many members?		
Minimum age?		
Minimum time of citizenship?		
Number of years per term		

Congress is _____, meaning it contains two chambers.

How a Bill Becomes a Law

1. Bill is introduced
2. Bill goes to committee action
3. Bill goes to floor action
4. Bill is approved by both houses of Congress
5. Bill goes to the President to be signed; if signed by President, bill becomes law
6. If bill is vetoed, it must get a 2/3 override in both houses of Congress to become law

When you become a high school junior, what job can you have in Congress?

Who were the only two Presidents to be impeached?

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THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

There are three qualifications to become President:

1. You must be at least _____ years old
2. You must be a _____ - _____ citizen
3. You must have been living in the US for at least the past _____ years

The President is the chief _____

The President must prepare a national _____

The President serves as _____-in-chief in charge of the armed forces

The President is the chief of _____

The President is also the leader of his/her _____

George Washington set the example of leaving office after _____ terms

Abraham Lincoln kept our country together during the _____ War

Franklin D. Roosevelt gave hope to the nation during the economic crisis called The _____

The Vice President is only a _____ away from the job of the President.

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Legislative Branch, Congress, makes the laws, and the Executive Branch, under the President, carries them out. But it's up to the _____ Branch, headed by the _____ Court to make sure those laws, and state laws as well, follow the US _____.

What are the qualifications to be a Supreme Court Justice? _____

The _____ is in charge of appointing Justices and other federal judges, and the _____ must approve them.

How long can Supreme Court Justices serve? _____

The Supreme Court is the highest _____ court in the US.

There are only three ways to change a Supreme Court decision:

1. Congress can pass a new _____
2. Amending the _____
3. A new _____ by the Supreme Court replaces an existing ruling

The _____ decision is considered the Supreme Court's _____ decision in its history, and was one of the causes of the _____ War.

Articles I, II, and III of the US Constitution set out to describe the _____ and _____ of the three branches of government, but it's the _____ of the United States of America who have the greatest power.