

The 3 Branches of Government

Communicate your understanding of the three branches of U.S. government using symbols and text. Add subtopics to expand your thinking and make connections between ideas, using notes to add detail.

I. Judicial Branch

A. Members

Supreme Court- It is the highest court. The **Judicial Branch** is made up of the Court System . The level of the court systems are Supreme, Federal, and State .

1. Checks and Balances:

Checks both Congress and the government with the power to review government action to make sure it does not violate the Constitution

B. Duties:

The courts decide the meaning of laws and how they are applied in various court cases. They also assure that the rules of the constitution are not broken. Once elected to the Supreme Court, there is lifetime seats on the bench.

II. Executive Branch

A. Members

**President-
VicePresident**

B. Duties

**Making the laws of America
Approve the laws created by Congress
Agrees or Vetoes laws from the Senate and the House of Representative**

C. Checks and Balances

The President cannot write laws. A member of Congress can submit it for him. The president can send troops overseas but cannot declare war without the approval from Congress.

III. Legislative Branch

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A. Members:

House of Representatives and the Senate

B. Duties:

Write, debate, and pass bills. After this is done, the laws are passed to the President to be made into bills. Have a 2 year elected term. Congress meets once a year, January 3- July 31.

C. Checks and Balances:

Has the power to override the President with a 2/3 vote in the House of Representatives and the Senate