BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

CHECKS AND BALANCES:
Ensures no one single person or entity has a monopoly on power.

Federal Agencies and Commissions
Each branch has agencies and commissions that perform support functions or manage Federal programs. Examples include the GPO, CIA, EPA, FJC, and NASA.

In addition to the 435 House Reps there are 6 non-voting members representing D.C., Puerto Rico, and four other U.S. territories.

As the President’s closest and most trusted advisors, members of the Cabinet are considered experts in their field and offer advice as it relates to their specific agency.

The President can veto the laws Congress makes. The Supreme Court can overturn executive orders.

The Vice President cannot be in line for succession. The President can appoint judges. The Supreme Court can overturn court decisions by amendments.

The Cabinet consists of the Vice President and... The Supreme Court is composed of 13 courts. Decisions can be appealed to the Supreme Court.

The Senate has 100 members. The Senate must approve treaties and appointments. The Senate is composed of 94 total judicial districts.

The House of Representatives has 435 members. The House can impeach the President. The House of Representatives is distributed among the 50 states in proportion to population.

The President can appoint judges. The President serves for 4 years. The President must have lived in the U.S. for 14 years. The President must be at least 35 years old.

The Constitution:
- The United States Constitution is the oldest written constitution still in use.
- It was written in 1787 and ratified in 1788.
- It is made up of 7 articles, 27 amendments, and 15 heads of the executive departments.

The United States Supreme Court is the highest court in the U.S. Appointments are made for life. The Vice President and 8 Associate Justices.

The United States Senate is made up of 2 per state. Senators serve for 6 years.

The United States House of Representatives is made up of 435 members. Representatives serve for 2 years.

The Federal District Court is composed of 13 courts. The Federal Appellate Court hears appeals from District Court cases. The Supreme Court has jurisdiction over both civil and criminal Federal cases.

The United States Constitution is the highest law of the U.S. It creates a separation of powers and the three branches of government.

The United States includes 50 states, 94 judicial districts, and 13 appellate courts. It is the oldest written constitution still in use.

The Constitution is written in English and consists of 7 articles, 27 amendments, and 15 heads of the executive departments.

The President of the United States must be at least 35 years old and a natural born citizen. He or she serves for 4 years.

The Vice President is the first in line for succession. The Vice President must be from the same state as the President.

The Senate is composed of 100 members. It must approve treaties and appointments.

The House of Representatives is composed of 435 members. It can impeach judges.

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the U.S. Its decisions cannot be appealed to a higher court.