

Crash Course U.S. Government - Day 2

1. What are the three branches of the U.S. government?

2. A system of checks and balances are intended to make sure that no branch of the government becomes too strong. Why do you think the Founding Fathers were worried about that after the revolutionary war?

3. Mark which branch holds the powers listed below. Write **L** for legislative, **E** for executive, and **J** for judicial.

_____ making laws	_____ passing the national budget
_____ interpreting laws	_____ decides if laws are constitutional
_____ commanding the armed forces	_____ punishing people who break the law
_____ settles disputes between states	_____ conducts diplomacy with foreign leaders
_____ approving federal judges and justices	_____ declaring war
_____ hears court appeals	_____ appointing government officials