

Crash Course U.S. Government - Day 5

Word Bank

branches checks and balances limit separation of powers

1. Use the word bank to complete the sentences below.

The Constitution divided the powers of government between three separate _____.

This is called the _____. Each branch of government was given ways to _____ the power of the other two in a system called _____.

2. Mark which branch holds the power in the first blank, and which branch they are limiting in the second blank. Use **L** for legislative, **E** for executive, and **J** for judicial.

Who Holds the Power

Who Are They Limiting

_____	impeaching and removing the President from office	_____
_____	declaring laws unconstitutional	_____
_____	impeaching and removing judges	_____
_____	vetoing laws	_____
_____	rejecting Presidential appointments	_____
_____	invalidating executive actions	_____
_____	preside over impeachment trials	_____
_____	refuse to carry out court decisions	_____
_____	adding and removing courts	_____
_____	invalidating laws	_____
_____	nominating judges	_____

_____	declaring executive actions unconstitutional	_____
_____	investigating activities and officers	_____
_____	overruling a veto	_____
_____	pardoning people convicted by courts	_____
_____	breaking ties in the Senate	_____
_____	propose Amendments to the Constitution	_____
_____	call special sessions of Congress	_____
_____	reject judicial nominees	_____
_____	refuse to pass laws	_____
_____	refuse to give money for programs	_____
_____	vetoing a bill	_____

3. Why were the Founding Fathers so worried about separating the powers of government and creating checks and balances on the branches?
