

Understanding the Three Branches of Government

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about the three branches of the U.S. government and their roles.

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

- A. Legislative, Executive, Judicial
- B. Judicial, Legislative, Local
- C. Executive, Local, State

2. Explain how checks and balances work in the U.S. government.

3. The branch that makes laws is called the ___ branch.

4. The Executive branch is responsible for interpreting laws.

- True False

5. Which branch enforces the laws?

- A. Judicial
- B. Legislative
- C. Executive

6. Why is it important that no one person has all the power in government?

7. The ___ branch interprets the laws.

8. God establishes governing authorities to maintain order and protect people.

- True False

9. How might leaders use their authority responsibly?

- A. To help their own interests
- B. To serve the people and uphold justice
- C. To gain more power

10. What did you learn about how government works from this lesson?

Answer Key

1. Legislative, Executive, Judicial 2. Checks and balances ensure that no single branch has total power. Each branch can limit the powers of the others to prevent abuse of power. 3. Legislative 4. False 5. Executive 6. It is important because it prevents tyranny and abuse of power, ensuring that the rights of citizens are protected. 7. Judicial 8. True 9. To serve the people and uphold justice 10. I learned that the three branches work together to create, enforce, and interpret laws, which helps protect our rights as citizens.
