

The Three Branches of Government

Grade 4 • SOCIAL-STUDIES • Students identify the legislative, executive, and judicial branches and match each branch with its primary responsibilities. • Standards: D2.Civ.1.3-5, D2.Civ.4.3-5

Read each question carefully. Write which branch of government matches the description: Legislative, Executive, or Judicial.

1. Which branch makes the laws?
2. Which branch carries out the laws and makes sure they are followed?
3. Which branch decides what laws mean and whether they are fair?
4. Congress is part of which branch of government?
5. The President leads which branch of government?
6. Which branch includes judges who work in courts?
7. A group of elected representatives votes to create a new rule about protecting rivers. Which branch is doing this work?
8. A judge listens to a disagreement about whether a law was broken and makes a decision. Which branch is the judge part of?
9. Government workers send out information about a new law and create programs to put it into action. Which branch are these workers part of?
10. A court reviews a law to decide if it goes against the rules written in the Constitution. Which branch has this power?

Answer Key — The Three Branches of Government

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. Legislative (*The Legislative branch is responsible for creating and passing laws.*)
2. Executive (*The Executive branch enforces and carries out the laws.*)
3. Judicial (*The Judicial branch interprets laws and determines if they follow the Constitution.*)
4. Legislative (*Congress, which includes the Senate and House of Representatives, is the Legislative branch.*)
5. Executive (*The President is the head of the Executive branch.*)
6. Judicial (*Judges and courts are part of the Judicial branch.*)
7. Legislative (*Voting to create new laws is the job of the Legislative branch.*)
8. Judicial (*Judges who decide legal cases are part of the Judicial branch.*)
9. Executive (*Putting laws into action and running government programs is the responsibility of the Executive branch.*)
10. Judicial (*The Judicial branch has the power to review laws and determine if they are constitutional.*)