

Three Branches, One Government

This game can be played by groups of two to three students or be used by individual students for practice and review.

Purpose: to review the work of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the Federal government

Materials Needed:

- card stock in two different colors to print game cards to mount rules and answer key
- laminating materials

Construction:

1. Print the five category headings (on the next page) on card stock in one color. Laminate the page, then cut the cards apart.
2. Print the game cards pages on a card stock of a second color. Laminate pages, then cut the cards apart.
3. Trim rules and answer key boxes. Mount on the same color as game cards. Laminate them.



Rules for “Three Branches, One Government”























This game is for two to three players and one judge.

1. Players sit in a semi-circle so that all may see the cards.
2. Judge lays out the five category headings in this order:
President
Supreme Court
House Of Representatives
Senate
Both House And Senate
3. Judge shuffles remaining cards and places them face down.
4. Player sitting to the left by the “President” heading goes first. Play continues to the left.
5. First player: Take a card. Read card number and statement aloud. Tell the body of government into which the card fits. Place the card under the proper category heading.
6. Judge says whether or not the answer is correct and scores as follows:
Correct answer: Win 2 points.
Incorrect answer: Lose 2 points. Card is removed and goes to bottom of stack.
7. When all cards are used, player with the most points is the winner.

Copy these category heading cards on a different color stock than the game cards on the pages that follow.

<p>President</p>
<p>House of Representatives</p>
<p>Senate</p>
<p>Both House and Senate</p>
<p>Supreme Court</p>

<p>1.</p>  <p>Congress</p>	<p>2.</p>  <p>Chosen by the Electoral College</p>
<p>3.</p>  <p>Elected by the people</p>	<p>4.</p>  <p>Appointed by the president</p>
<p>5.</p>  <p>Decides what the laws say and if laws agree with the U.S. Constitution</p>	<p>6.</p>  <p>Commander-in-Chief of all U.S. military forces</p>
<p>7.</p>  <p>Makes laws for the entire country</p>	<p>8.</p>  <p>Can sign bills so they can become laws</p>
<p>9.</p>  <p>Can veto a bill to keep it from becoming a law</p>	<p>10.</p>  <p>Can override the president's veto by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote</p>

<p>11.</p>  <p>Heads the Executive Branch</p>	<p>12.</p>  <p>Legislative Branch</p>
<p>13.</p>  <p>Judicial Branch</p>	<p>14.</p>  <p>Has nine justices</p>
<p>15.</p>  <p>John G. Roberts, Jr.</p>	<p>16.</p>  <p>Head member is called the Speaker of the House</p>
<p>17.</p>  <p>Head member is the vice president of the U.S.</p>	<p>18.</p>  <p>Head member is the chief justice</p>
<p>19.</p>  <p>Meets in the U.S. Capitol Building</p>	<p>20.</p>  <p>Has the final word on all U.S. laws</p>

21.



Members serve in office for life unless they resign or are removed from office

22.



Must be re-elected every two years

23.



Must be re-elected every six years

24.



Must be re-elected every four years

25.



Can serve unlimited terms if re-elected

26.



Can serve only two terms

27.



Makes sure the laws are carried out or enforced

28.



Has two members from each state

29.













Has members based on each state's population

30.



Must be at least 35 years old to hold this office

<p>31.</p>  <p>Must be at least 30 years old to hold this office</p>	<p>32.</p>  <p>Must be at least 25 years old to hold this office</p>
<p>33.</p>  <p>Can vote to impeach the U.S. president</p>	<p>34.</p>  <p>Holds the trial that determines if the president should be removed from office</p>
<p>35.</p>  <p>Has a president pro tempore to preside when the leader cannot be there</p>	<p>36.</p>  <p>Must be a native-born American citizen to hold this office</p>
<p>37.</p>  <p>Can declare war</p>	<p>38.</p>  <p>Appoints a “cabinet” to help run the country</p>
<p>39.</p>  <p>Has 435 members</p>	<p>40.</p>  <p>Has 100 members</p>



Answer Key for "Three Branches, One Government"

1. Both House and Senate
2. President
3. Both House and Senate
4. Supreme Court
5. Supreme Court
6. President
7. Both House and Senate
8. President
9. President
10. Both House and Senate
11. President
12. Both House and Senate
13. Supreme Court
14. Supreme Court
15. Supreme Court
16. House of Representatives
17. Senate
18. Supreme Court
19. Both House and Senate
20. Supreme Court
21. Supreme Court
22. House of Representatives
23. Senate
24. President
25. Both House and Senate
26. President
27. President
28. Senate
29. House of Representatives
30. President
31. Senate
32. House of Representatives
33. House of Representatives
34. Senate
35. Senate
36. President
37. Both House and Senate
38. President
39. House of Representatives
40. Senate