

Three Branches in Balance

Grade 5 | Social Studies | Skill: Understand roles and checks and balances

Directions: Match each branch to its main job. Then use the scenario to explain how branches share power.

1 Match each branch and job

Legislative

Job letter: ____

A. makes laws

Executive

Job letter: ____

B. carries out laws

Judicial

Job letter: ____

C. interprets laws

2 Checks and balances scenario

Congress passes a bill. The president disagrees and vetoes it. Congress may vote again to override the veto.

1. Which branch passed the bill?

2. Which branch used the veto?

3. How does this show that power is shared?

3 Why balance matters

Complete: Checks and balances help because

Good citizens learn how government power is shared.