

All About The U.S. Government



Name: _____

In 1787, when our country was brand new, a group of _____ met to decide how the _____ should be run. They wrote their ideas down in a **document** called the _____. This document outlines the role of the government. It also includes the Bill of _____ which protects our rights as _____.

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Rights
citizens

leaders
Constitution

government
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After the Constitution was written, the people _____ to approve it. The United States is a **democracy** which means that everyone gets to have a say in what the _____ does. Today, we do this by voting in _____. The Constitution gives all _____ the right to vote on who our _____ will be.

elections
leaders

voted
government

adults

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The Constitution _____ the government into three _____. Each branch has a special function, but they all have equal _____. The writers of the Constitution did not want one person or group to _____ everything, so they set up a system of _____ and balances. The branches must work _____ to do their jobs.

power
divides

branches
control

together
checks

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fold on the line

The _____, Vice-President, and **Cabinet** make up the Executive _____. Their job is to make sure the laws are carried out. The President also acts as Commander-In-Chief of the U.S. _____ . The Executive Branch includes special _____ that oversee things like education, _____, and security.

military
President

departments
transportation

Branch
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Do you know who writes our _____ ? **Congress** does this important job. Congress is made up of two _____ : the Senate and the House of _____ . Both the House and the Senate must _____ on a **bill** before it can be signed into law by the _____ . Writing laws is the Legislative Branch's main function .

agree
houses

President
Representatives

laws

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Sometimes people _____
on what a _____ means or what
our rights are. Judges make these
_____. Courts listen to
cases and use the _____
to interpret the law. These courts
make up the Judicial Branch. The U.S.
_____ Court is the highest
court in the land. Its decisions are
_____ and cannot be overturned.

decisions
disagree

law
final

Constitution
Supreme

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