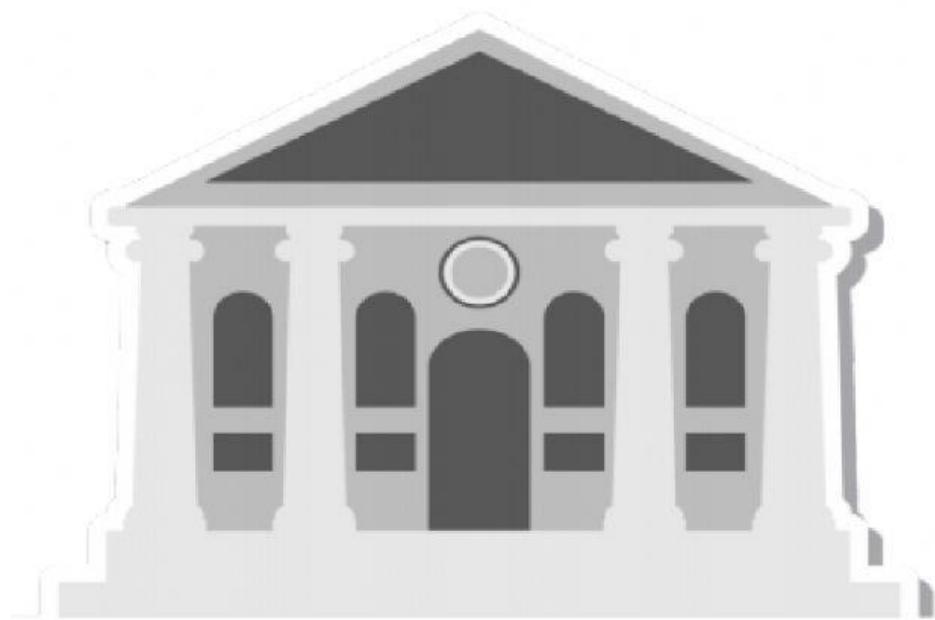


All About The U.S. Government



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 _____.

Rights leaders government
citizens Constitution ?

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

voted

adults

leaders

government

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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 4

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 departments Branch
President transportation 5

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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