

# Checks and Balances

## Fill-in-the-blank:

### Legislative Branch

- Made up of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Powers:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and spend
  - Approve \_\_\_\_\_
  - Declare \_\_\_\_\_

### Executive Branch

- Ran by the \_\_\_\_\_
- Made up of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Departments and \_\_\_\_\_ Governing Agencies
- Powers:
  - Carry out \_\_\_\_\_
  - Recommend New \_\_\_\_\_ (laws)
  - Set Foreign \_\_\_\_\_
  - Nominate Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_

### Judicial Branch

- Made up of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court, Court of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ Court
- Powers:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ all Laws
  - Decide cases Involving \_\_\_\_\_ Rights

Check and Balances – A system that was developed to check the powers of the other branches to make sure that no one branch became more \_\_\_\_\_ than the other

## Example of Checks and Balances:

The President has the power to order troops to fight, but only \_\_\_\_\_ can formally declare war.

So without Congress' support, the President cannot \_\_\_\_\_ a war even though the President is the Commander-in-Chief of the military.

The President makes \_\_\_\_\_ appointments but these must be confirmed by the \_\_\_\_\_

before they can be made judges. The President can issue an executive order but the \_\_\_\_\_ Branch can find it unconstitutional or overturn the order. \_\_\_\_\_ Court justices are appointed for life but they can be impeached by \_\_\_\_\_ or removed from office. The court system can

imprison a citizen however the \_\_\_\_\_ can pardon the individual and set them free.

The System of Checks and Balances gives each branch of government a \_\_\_\_\_ in the country's affairs. If one branch ever tries to overstep its boundaries there is always a check in place for one of the other two branches to pull one branch back into a \_\_\_\_\_.