

Three Branches of Government Reading Questions

PART ONE: Reading Questions

Directions: After reading about the three branches of government, answer the questions below in **COMPLETE** sentences.

1. What are the articles of the Constitution that name the three branches of government?

2. What are the two parts of Congress?

3. How many total Congressmen are there?

4. What are THREE things the legislative branch can do?

5. Where does the executive branch get its name from?

6. How many electoral votes does a Presidential candidate need to win an election?

7. What does it mean when you say the President is the “**Commander in Chief**”?

8. What is the main job of the judicial branch?

9. How many Supreme Court Justices are there?

10. **Checks and balances** refers to how no one branch of government has no control than any other branches. What is one way that....

- a. The Legislative branch has power over the Executive Branch?

- b. The Executive Branch has power over the Legislative Branch?

- c. The Judicial Branch has power over the Legislative Branch?

PART TWO: True or False?

- _____ 1. Congress is made up of two separate parts that have to work together to pass laws.
- _____ 2. The President has the power to stop a law from being passed.
- _____ 3. The President is the one who gets to declare war.
- _____ 4. The Executive Branch consists only of the President.
- _____ 5. Once elected, you're stuck with a president for four years.
- _____ 6. The main job of the Judicial Branch is to protect the Constitution
- _____ 7. The Ultimate Court is the court in the USA with the most power.
- _____ 8. Judicial review means that the Judicial Branch gets to decide whether or not a law is constitutional.
- _____ 9. The Supreme court can't change its mind.
- _____ 10. Supreme Court justices can do their job until they die.

PART THREE: Extension Questions.

Directions: Answer in MULTIPLE sentences.

11. There is such thing as the Department of Agriculture. What branch do you think it belongs to, and what do you think it exists for?

12. If the Supreme Court didn't exist, do you think you would have the same classmates as you do now? Why or why not?
