

BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT



VIRTUAL Fieldtrip

LET'S TAKE A BUS TOUR!

You made it to Washington, D.C! Now that you've landed, grab your bus ticket! We are going on a tour of the nation's capital to learn more about the government of the United States.

While you are traveling, collect a sticker (ctrl+C) at each place you stop to visit.

After your visit, return to this slide and paste (ctrl+V) the sticker into a blank spot on your bus ticket to document your travels!

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EXPLORE THE CITY

Embark on an exciting expedition through the iconic landmarks and rich history of Washington, D.C.



JOURNEY INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE

Be part of an exclusive journey into the heart of American history as you step through the doors of the White House!

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AT THE WHITE HOUSE

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT



CABINET MEMBERS



The executive branch consists of the president, the vice president, and the cabinet. The people of the executive branch of government work and operate inside the White House.

The president selects a running mate while campaigning. This person becomes the vice president when the president wins the election. The vice president's duties are to take over if anything were to happen to the president, advise the president, and vote in the Senate if there is a tie.

The president also chooses his or her own cabinet. The cabinet members are made up of the heads of 15 different departments which all must be approved by the Senate.



EMBARK ON AN ADVENTURE

Explore the United States capitol building where the very essence of American democracy comes to life!

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AT THE U.S. CAPITOL

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

CONGRESS

SENATE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



The legislative branch consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate, which together form the United States Congress.

The Senate has 100 members. Each state is represented by 2 senators. Senators are elected every 6 years.


The House of Representatives consists of 435 representatives. Each state has a different number of representatives based on its population. Representatives are elected every 2 years. The Speaker of the House is the elected leader of the House of Representatives. The Speaker is third in line for presidency.




DISCOVER HIS LEGACY

Stand before the grandeur of the Lincoln Memorial and immerse yourself in history's embrace.





STOP #5: THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL 

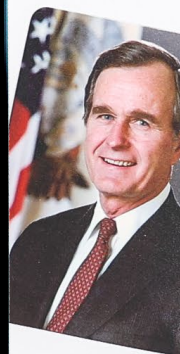
Directions: Click on the picture to read the article about the Lincoln Memorial and answer the questions.



What is the significance of the Lincoln Memorial?

Would you want to travel back in time to meet President Lincoln? Why or why not?

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ENDURE CHECKS AND BALANCES

Learn about checks and balances and how it creates an unbreakable harmony in the heart of governance.

CHECKS AND BALANCES

How do we make sure one branch of government doesn't gain too much power? Through the system of checks and balances!

Legislative Branch
Makes Laws
Veto Laws
Override Veto

Executive Branch

Directions: Watch the video below to see how the checks and balances system works in the U.S. government.

Separation of Powers / Checks and Balances

- Legislature**
 - Make laws
 - Confirm appointments
 - Make treaties
 - Regulate commerce
- Executive**
 - Veto legislation
 - Appoint officials
 - Negotiate treaties
 - Make foreign policy
- Judiciary**
 - Interpret Constitution
 - Interpret laws
 - Review lower court rulings

Checks and Balances between branches:
- Executive: Confirms appointments, Oversees military, Veto legislation, Adjusts Congress
- Legislature: Rule on constitutionality of laws, Direct appointments
- Judiciary: Rule on constitutionality of executive acts, Appoint judges



Suggested Uses

- Assign in Google Classroom or SeeSaw
- Whole Class Activity
- Small groups or center
- Early Finisher
- Incentive or Fun Friday

Google Slides and SeeSaw



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