

# The Tree of Government

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# The Judicial Branch



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# The Judicial Branch

- The leaders of the Judicial Branch are 9 justices (Supreme Court). After being appointed and approved they serve for the rest of their lives.
- They hear cases from the lower courts. They decide whether laws made by Congress are Constitutional.
- The justices hear cases in Supreme Court in Washington D.C.



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# The Executive Branch



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- The leader of the Executive Branch is the President. After going through Election, they serve one term for 4 years. If the people like the decisions the President makes, they can re-elect the same President for another term (another 4 years) and a total of 8 years.
- He signs or vetoes bill to laws. He is in charge of the Marines, Army, and the Navy
- The place the President and his family lives is the White House.

# The Legislative Branch

- **The leader of the Legislative Branch is Congress.(House of Representatives, and the Senate.) Representatives serve for 2 years. Senators serve for 6 years.**
- **Congress makes changes and can add to the Bill of Rights**
- **Representatives and senators meet in the capital, also known as the Congress building.**



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# Checks and Balances



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Checks and balances is the separation of power between branches of government. Like to be a Supreme Court Justice you need to be appointed and approved by the other two branches. Also like making laws is debated by the Congress and signed by the President, but the Supreme Court can claim it unconstitutional. So if the President vetoes it the Congress and the justices can overrule it. Checks and balances make sure that every branch has equal power.



# Washington D.C.

What is Washington DC? It is the capital of our country. Maryland and Virginia donated land to the project in 1791. Our capital is named after George Washington that is the Washington part of the name Washington DC. The DC means District of Columbia. All three of the branches are in Washington DC. There is also many monuments like the Jefferson Memorial. That one is my personal favorite! There is also the Pentagon. The armed forces meet in the Pentagon. Washington DC is our nation capital, very important, and a great place to visit!



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# President requirements

- You must be born in the U.S.A.
- You must be 35 years old.
- You must of lived in the U.S.A for 14 years.



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