

Bell Ringer:

What one person has the single most power in ruling America?



Our government is a Democracy.

Our government runs on a system called "checks and balances."



Our government is made up of 3 branches.

Legislative Branch - makes laws



Judicial Branch - interprets laws

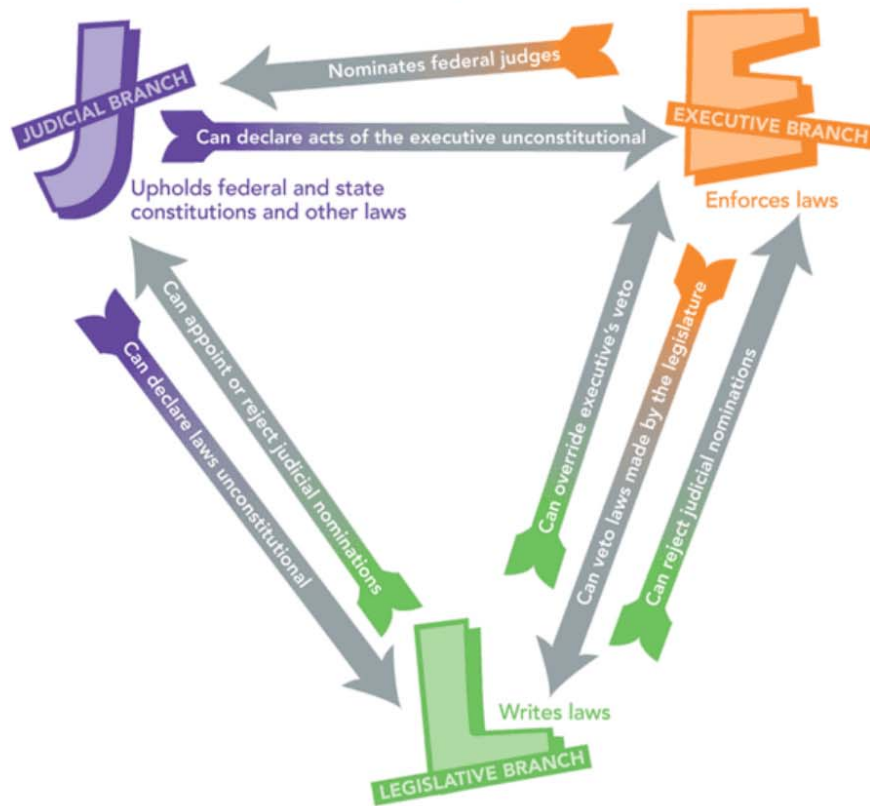


Executive Branch - enforces laws



Our system of checks and balances makes it so that no one branch has more power than the other.

Checks & Balances



Legislative Branch



Check for Understanding:

What is "checks and balances"?

What does each branch of our government do?

Legislative

Judicial

Executive

Homework

Come to class tomorrow with a proposed law (AKA a "bill") written down on a piece of paper.

