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| <p>Executive Branch (President carries out laws)</p>  | <p>Checks on the Legislative Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can propose laws Can veto laws Can call special sessions of Congress Makes appointments Negotiates foreign treaties | <p>Checks on the Judicial Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoints federal judges Can grant pardons to federal offenders |
| <p>Legislative Branch (Congress makes laws)</p>  | <p>Checks on the Executive Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can override President's veto Confirms executive appointments Ratifies treaties Can declare war Appropriates money Can impeach and remove President | <p>Checks on the Judicial Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates lower federal courts Can impeach and remove judges Can propose amendments to overrule judicial decisions Approves appointments of federal judges |
| <p>Judicial Branch (Supreme Court interprets laws)</p>  | <p>Check on the Executive Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can declare executive actions unconstitutional | <p>Check on the Legislative Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional |