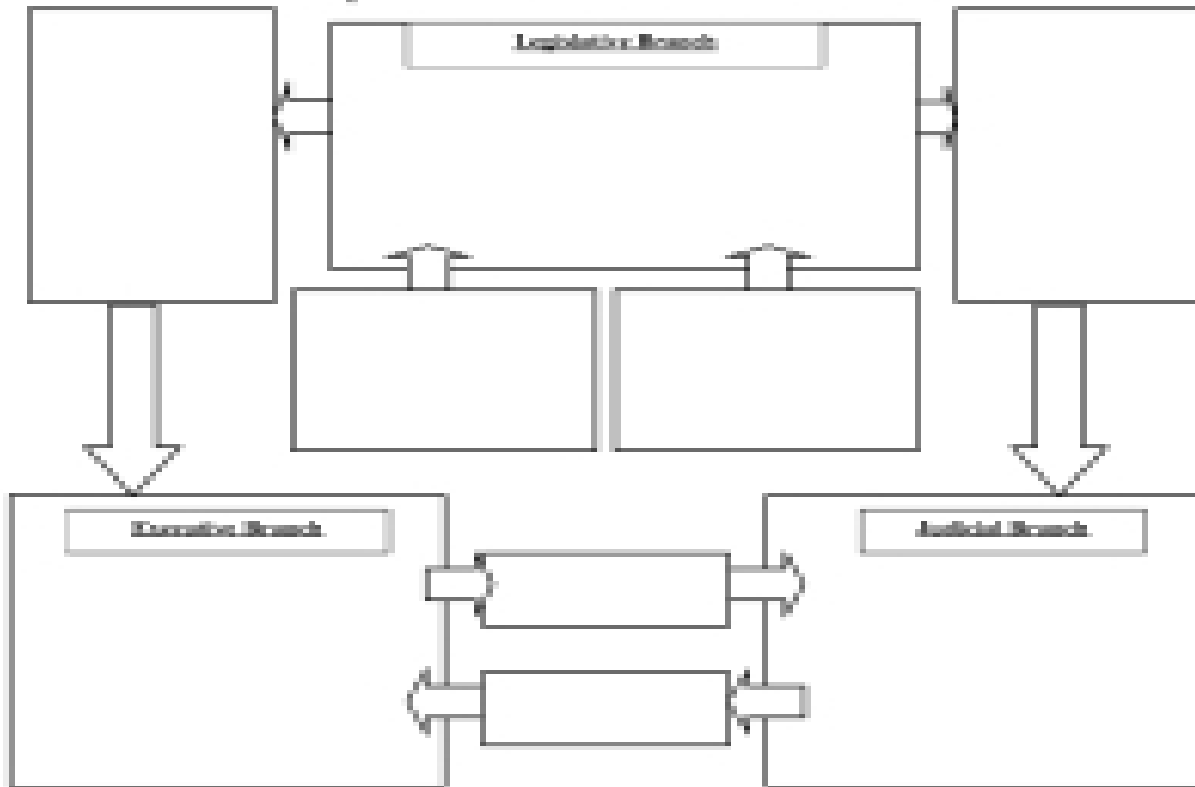


**The Three Branches of Government
Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances**



Executive

- writes the laws
- interprets the laws
- reviews court decisions
- administers the laws
- appoints ambassadors, judges, and other officials
- confirms presidential appointments
- issues treaties
- negotiates treaties

Judicial Branch

- commands armed forces
- proposes laws
- appropriates money
- declares war
- conducts foreign policies