

Three Branches by the Constitution

Ratifies treaties

Can propose constitutional amendments

Hears cases involving 2 states, foreign nations, federal law, etc.

Receive ambassadors & foreign officials

Appoints ambassadors, judges, officials, etc.

Governs U.S. territories

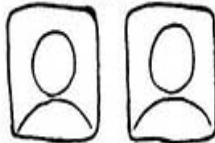
Tries all constitutional cases in court

Recommend legislation to congress, report on the state of the Union

Approves or denies the president's appointments

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CONGRESS

SENATE



Elected by their state for 6 years

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Elected by their district for 2 years

Make bankruptcy laws

Establish post office & roads

Coin and regulate money

Write patent & copyright law

Create standard weights & measures

Establish lower federal courts

Punish counterfeiters

Write maritime law

Makes the tie breaking vote in the senate

Tries impeached officials

Proposes bills for raising revenue

After a bill is passed it is approved or vetoed here

Lays and collects taxes

Can borrow money

Regulate commerce with foreign nations

Make immigration (naturalization) laws

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT



Elected by the electoral college for 4 years



Make treaties

Can grant pardons

Commander in chief of the armed forces

If the electoral college votes tie, they choose the next president

Counts the electoral college votes and declares the President

Declare war

Organize, arm, and call up the militia

Raise and support armies

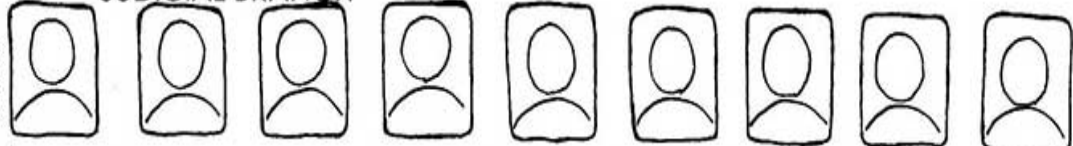
Directly govern the national capital city

Establish a navy

Make laws to execute the powers given the federal govt.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

SUPREME COURT



Appointed by the president, confirmed by the senate for life