

The Legislative Branch

Who?	<u>House of Representatives</u> has <u>435</u> members	<u>Senate</u> has <u>100</u> members
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * at least <u>25</u> years old * U.S. citizen for <u>7</u> years * <u>live</u> in state they represent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * at least <u>30</u> years old * U.S. citizen for <u>9</u> years * <u>live</u> in state they represent
Term	* serve for <u>2</u> years	* serve for <u>6</u> years
Special Powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>must introduce laws that make people pay taxes</u> * <u>can decide if a government official should be put on trial before the Senate</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>must approve treaties</u> * <u>must approve people President chooses for jobs</u> * <u>can hold a trial for government officials</u>
Powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>to make laws</u> * <u>to tax the people</u> * <u>to raise an army and navy to defend the country</u> * <u>to declare war</u> * <u>to create a court system</u> * <u>to coin money</u> * <u>to regulate trade between states</u> * <u>to regulate trade between U.S. and other countries</u> 	
Limits on Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * cannot make <u>unfair laws that limit people's rights</u> * Supreme Court can <u>declare a law unconstitutional</u> * President can <u>veto a law</u> 	

The Executive Branch

Who?	* headed by the <u>president</u>
Requirements	* at least <u>35</u> years old * a <u>natural-born citizen</u> of the United States * must have <u>lived in the United States for at least 14 years</u>
Term	* serves for <u>4</u> years * may serve <u>2</u> terms
Other Members	* <u>vice-president</u> * <u>members of cabinet (called secretaries)</u> * <u>officials of independent agencies such as CIA</u>
Powers	* serves as <u>head of state in meetings with leaders of other countries</u> * <u>commander in chief of armed forces</u> * <u>makes treaties with other countries</u> * <u>appoints ambassadors and judges</u> * <u>conducts war</u> * <u>recommends laws to Congress</u> * <u>calls Congress together in special circumstances</u> * serves as " <u>boss</u> " of federal government workers * <u>signs or vetos bills from Congress</u>
Limits on Power	can <u>conduct</u> a war, but only Congress can <u>declare</u> it * <u>commander in chief</u> but Congress controls <u>money</u> * Senate must approve <u>treaties</u> and <u>appointments</u> * House of Representatives has power to <u>impeach</u> * Senate has power to hold <u>trial</u> after impeachment

The Judicial Branch

Who?	* the <u>Supreme Court</u> has <u>9</u> Justices
Requirements	* <u>no</u> requirements but so far all Supreme Court Justices have been trained in the <u>law</u>
Term	* serve for <u>life</u> unless they <u>resign</u> , <u>retire</u> , or are <u>impeached</u> by the House of Representatives and convicted by the <u>Senate</u>
Other Members	* <u>judges</u> of lower federal courts who are also <u>appointed</u> by the president and approved by the <u>Senate</u> . * also serve for <u>life</u> or until they <u>resign</u> , <u>retire</u> , or are convicted by the <u>Senate</u>
Powers	* to <u>declare</u> a law made by Congress <u>unconstitutional</u> * to <u>declare</u> an action of the President <u>unconstitutional</u> * to <u>declare</u> a state law <u>unconstitutional</u> if it <u>conflicts with</u> the laws made by Congress or with the <u>Constitution</u>
Limits on Power	* Congress has the power to <u>impeach</u> , try, and remove Justices and federal judges from office * do not have the power to enforce their <u>decisions</u> , <u>president</u> does this.