

Three Branches and Shared Power



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Use the material to work through each task. Show the requested response.

1. Which branch includes Congress?

Answer: legislative

2. Which branch carries out federal laws?

Answer: executive

3. Sort the broad roles.

Legislative: Makes federal laws

Executive: Carries out federal laws

Judicial: Interprets laws in cases

These are broad roles, not every power.

4. Which branch handles interpretation in legal cases?

Answer: judicial

5. Why have more than one branch?

Look for:

- Connects branches to shared power.

One possible response: Dividing and checking powers helps limit concentration of power.

6. Does the short role chart describe every federal power?

Look for:

- Recognizes the limits of the summary.

One possible response: No. It is a simplified overview.

Open responses use criteria and an illustrative response. Other well-supported responses can be acceptable.