

Our Three Branches



Part I

You will need a copy of the Constitution. The first three articles of the Constitution detail what would become the three branches of government—legislative, executive, and judicial. The articles establish how officials are chosen for each branch. Using the Constitution as your primary source document, and any other resources as your secondary source documents, describe how each branch’s officials are chosen in the table below. Identify whether you used your primary source material, secondary source material, or both for each answer you filled out in the table.

How they are chosen

Legislative	Executive	Judicial

Part II

Using a copy of the Constitution and any secondary source materials, answer the questions below on the back of this sheet. Cite your source for each answer. If from the Constitution, cite which article or amendment you are using to answer the question.

1. Which branch of the government represents individual states?
2. Which government officials are elected every four years?
3. According to the Constitution, what are the requirements for being elected to the House of Representatives? How are these requirements similar to or different from those of the Senate?
4. Who acts as president of the Senate? What power does he or she have?
5. How are Supreme Court members placed on the court?