

Checks and Balances

Congress makes laws, and can override a veto. The President can veto bills or send them back to Congress. The Supreme Court judges if laws follow the Constitution.



Branches of Government Mini Book

Executive Branch

The President of the United States is in charge of the military, and makes sure that the government runs smoothly. In order to be President, a person must be 35 years old, a natural-born citizen, and has to have lived in the U.S. for 14 years.

Judicial Branch

The Supreme Court is made of nine justices. The justices serve terms that last their entire lives. The Supreme Court judges if laws are Constitutional. Their rulings are final.

Legislative Branch

Congress has two parts, the Senate and the House of Representatives. Congress meets in the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. Congress's job is to make and pass laws.

Bill Becomes a Law

A bill starts out as an idea for a law. Any member of Congress can introduce a bill. Then, the other members discuss the bill and vote on it. The bill must pass in the House of Representatives and the Senate, then it is sent to the President. It will become a law if the President signs it.