

American Government



The American system of government is established by the United States Constitution.

There are three separate but equal branches of government.

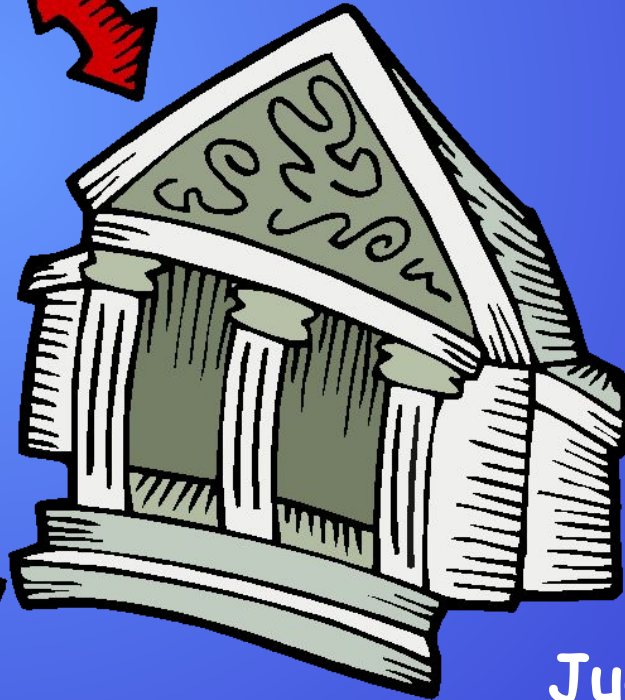


3 Branches of Government:

Executive



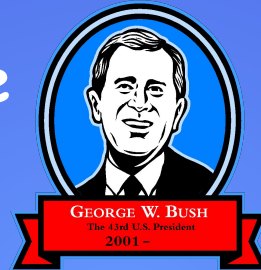
Legislative



Judicial

Our government is a system of checks and balances.

Executive
Branch



Legislative
Branch



Judicial
Branch

Let's take
a closer



look

at our

government.



Legislative Branch

- Includes Congress
 1. Senate
 2. House of Representatives
- Main job: make laws



U. S. Capitol Building



The Senate



- 100 members
- 2 from each state
- Each Senator serves for 6 years
- Candidates must be: 35 years old and live in the state they represent
- Alabama's Senators:
Jeff Sessions and
Richard Shelby

House of Representative



- 435 members
- Number of representatives depends on the population of each state
- Each representative serves for 2 years
- Candidates must be: 25 years old and live in the state they represent

Executive Branch

- Includes the President
- Main job: carry out laws
- Serves for 4 years



So You Wanna Be the President?



- 35 years old
- Citizen of the United States
- Resident of the United States for 14 years

After you're elected.

"I do solemnly swear
that I will faithfully
execute the office of
President of the United
States, and will, to the
best of my ability,
preserve, protect, and
defend the Constitution
of the United States"



Meet our Presiden



White House photo by Eric Draper

George W. Bush

Did You Know...

1. The president tosses the first ball of baseball season!
2. If the president is unable to fulfill his or her duties, the vice president must take over.
3. When George Washington became president at the age of 57, he only had one tooth left!
4. George Washington started as president with a salary of \$25,000 per term.
5. Woodrow Wilson didn't have to go to school until he was 9 years old.
6. Jimmy Carter could read 2,000 words per minute!

The White House



Welcome to the White House

The White House



Let's Tour the White House!

Judicial Branch

- Includes The Supreme Court
- Main job: decide what laws mean



The Supreme Cour



- 9 members
- Appointed by the President
- Serve for the rest of their lives





Let's Review...

1. What are the 3 branches of government?

Legislative, Executive, and Judicial

2. Congress is made up of _____ and _____.

The Senate and House of Representatives

3. How many Senators are from each state?

2

4. Which branch of government includes the President?

Executive Branch



Let's Review...

5. What is the job of the Executive Branch?

Carry out laws

6. Who is the current President of the United States?

George W. Bush

7. What is the job of the Judicial Branch?

Decide what laws mean

8. How long do Supreme Court justices serve?

For the rest of their lives

Always remember...

America is a democracy.

Democracy is government by the people.

That includes

YOU!

