

POLITICAL SYSTEM OF THE USA



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- The United States of America is a federal republic consisting of 50 states.
- Each state has its own government .

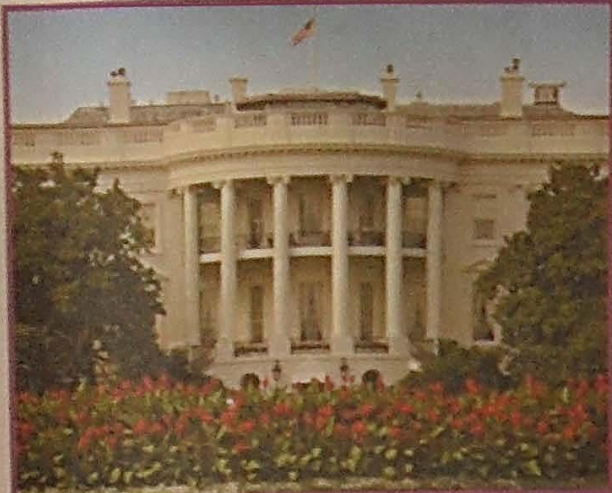


The government of the USA act according to the Constitution which was signed by the first thirteen representatives of thirteen original American states in 1787.



- Every citizen has rights which can not be violated.

The UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT



The White House

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

President

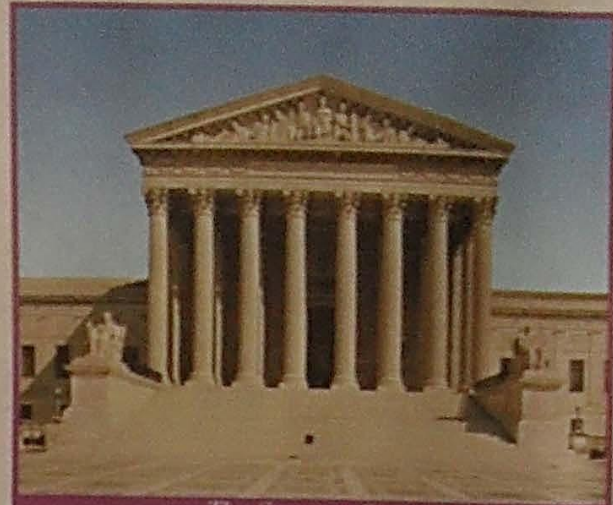
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Vice President



The Capitol

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Congress



The Supreme Court

JUDICIAL BRANCH

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Supreme Court

The federal power is located in Washington, D.C. It is based on legislative, executive and juridical branches of power.

- The legislative branch of the Government is represented by the Congress.
- The main function of it is law making.

The House of Representatives

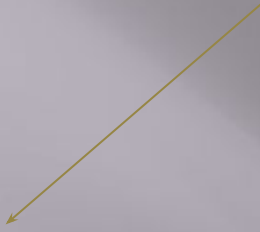
- 435 members
- Every state is represented
- The members are elected every two years



The Senate

- 100 members
- The period of Senator's serving is 6 years
- A Senator has to be at least 30 years

The executive branch of the Government



The President



Vice - President



The Cabinet of the President

- The executive branch is headed by the President who is assisted by the Vice President.
- The Vice President acts as chairman of the Senate, and in the event of the death of the President, assumes the Presidency.
- The Cabinet is made up of Department Secretaries. The most important of them is the Secretary of State, who deals with foreign affairs.



The judicial branch of the Government

- The judicial branch is made up of Federal District Courts, 11 Federal Courts and the Supreme Court.
- Federal judges are appointed by the President for life.
- Federal courts decide cases involving federal law, conflicts between citizens of different states.



- Constitution has been amended twenty six times.
- The Bill of Rights guarantees individual liberties: freedom of word, religion and so on.
- Later amendments abolished slavery, granted the vote to women and colour people and allowed citizens to vote at the age of 18.



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