

The USA is federal republic consisting of 50 state.



Location – southern part of North America.

Capital – Washington.

Population – 325 millions people.

Area – more then 9 millions square kilometres.

USA – is the fourth largest country in the world.

National language – English.

The system of Federal Government of the US was established by the Constitution ratified in 1788.

The head of the US is the President.



PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA





George Washington



John Adams



Thomas efferson



ames Madison



John Quincy ames Monroe Adams



Andrew lackson



Martin Van William H. Buren Harrison



John Tyler



lames K. Polk



Zachary Tyler



Millard Fillmore



Franklin Pierce



lames Buchanan



Abraham

John W. Davis



Robert L. Owen



Andrew Johnson



Ulysses S. Grant



Rutherford B. Hayes



ames Garfield



Chester A. Arthur



Grover Cleveland



Benjamin Harrison



Grover Cleveland



William McKinley



Theodore Roosevelt

Ralph

Nader



Theodore William Taft Roosevelt







Barack Obama



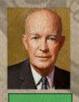
William H. Murray



Franklin D. Roosevelt



Henry A. Wallace



Dwight Eisenhower



Strom Thurmond



Nelson Rockefeller



Robert F. Kennedy



Ronald Reagan



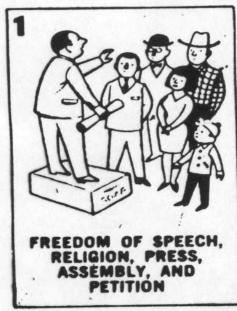
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John Kerry

THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The First Ten Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

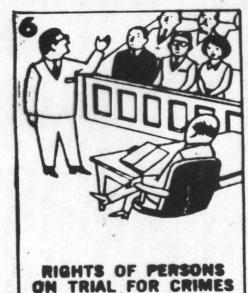




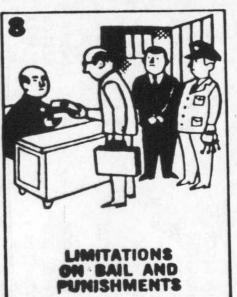




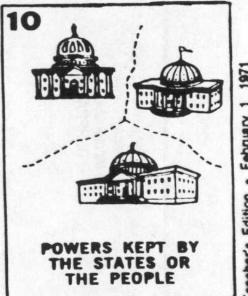












CHECKS AND BALANCES

Executive Branch (President carries out laws)



Checks on the Legislative Branch

Can propose laws
Can veto laws
Can call special sessions of Congress
Makes appointments
Negotiates foreign treaties

Checks on the Judicial Branch

Appoints federal judges

Can grant pardons to federal offenders

Legislative Branch (Congress makes laws)



Checks on the Executive Branch

Can override President's veto
Confirms executive appointments
Ratifies treaties
Can declare war
Appropriates money
Can impeach and remove President

Checks on the Judicial Branch

Creates lower federal courts
Can impeach and remove
judges
Can propose amendments to
overrule judicial decisions
Approves appointments of
federal judges

Judicial Branch (Supreme Court interprets laws)



Check on the Executive Branch

Can declare executive actions unconstitutional

Check on the Legislative Branch

Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional

Legislative power

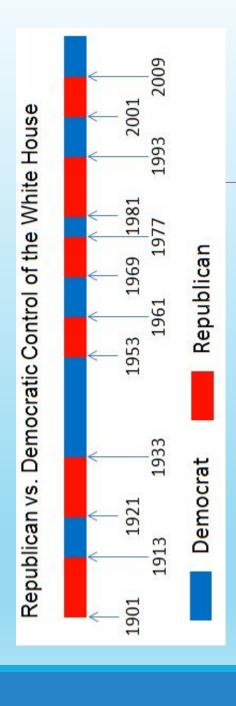
Branch	Members	How chosen	Term	Powers
Legislative	(Congress):	state	6 years	Makes new laws.
	Senate	election		Sets federal taxes.
	Two Senators from			Overrules Presidential vetoes.
	each state		2 years	Approves treaties.
	House of	state		Impeaches the President or
	Representatives	election		any civil officer.
	Number of			Declares war.
	Representatives			Approves Presidential
	varies according to			appointments and treaties
	state population			with foreign nations.

Executive power

Branch	Members	How chosen	Term	Powers
Executive	President	national	4 years	Enforces federal laws.
	with Vice President	election		Appoints and removes high
				federal officials.
				Commands the armed forces.
				Conducts foreign affairs.
				Recommends laws to Congress.
				Approves or vetoes new laws.
	Executive Departments	Presidential	no set	Conducts the administration of
		appointment	term	the national government.
	Independent Agencies	Presidential	no set	Oversees government regulations.
		appointment	term	

Judicial power

Branch	Members	How chosen	Term	Powers
Judicial	Supreme Court Nine justices: a chief justice and associate justices	Presidential appointment	for life	Interprets laws according to the Constitution. Has the power to declare actions of the Executive and Legislative branches unconstitutional.
	Lower Federal Courts	Presidential appointment	for life	Decides cases that involve the Constitution and federal laws.



Parties in the US

- Any American citizen may join a political party regardless of age, but most members are eighteen or older.
- The United States has a two-party system. The
 Republicans emerged as a major party in 1860 with the election of Abraham Lincoln.

 The Democratic Party formed under Andrew Jackson twenty years earlier.

