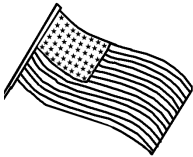


# THE U.S. GOVERNMENT



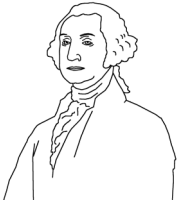
Our form of government is a democracy. It is made up of three separate, but equal government branches. The framers (men who wrote the Constitution) didn't want any branch to become too powerful. They created a system of "checks and balances" to give each branch the power to block a decision made by another branch.



## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

### THE PRESIDENT

MAKES SURE LAWS ARE FOLLOWED.



Who is the President today?

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Who is the Vice President?

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## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

### THE CONGRESS

WRITES THE LAWS.



The congress includes:

100 senators and

435 representatives.

### THE SENATE

Each state elects 2 Senators.

Who are yours?

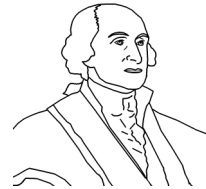
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## JUDICIAL BRANCH

### THE SUPREME COURT

DECIDES IF LAWS ARE FAIR.



How many judges serve on the U.S. Supreme Court?

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Senate Majority Leader

### THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The number of Representatives for a state depends on the state's population:

Who represents you district?

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Speaker of the House

# YOUR STATE GOVERNMENT



Every state in the United States is a democracy with its own three branches of government.



The leader of each state's Executive Branch is the Governor.

Who is your state's governor?

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