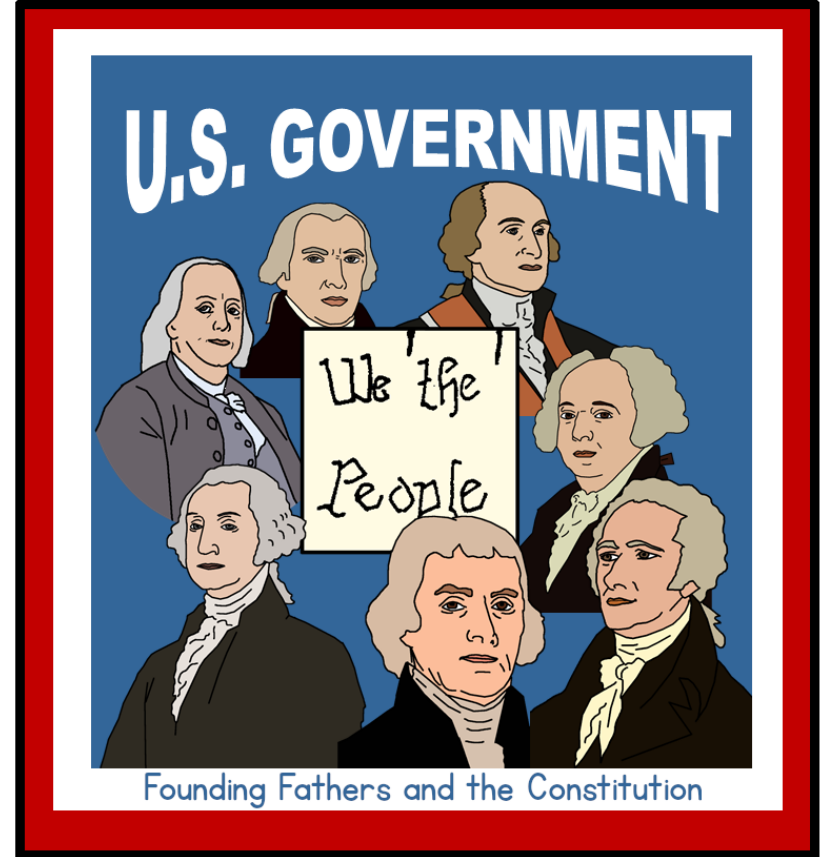
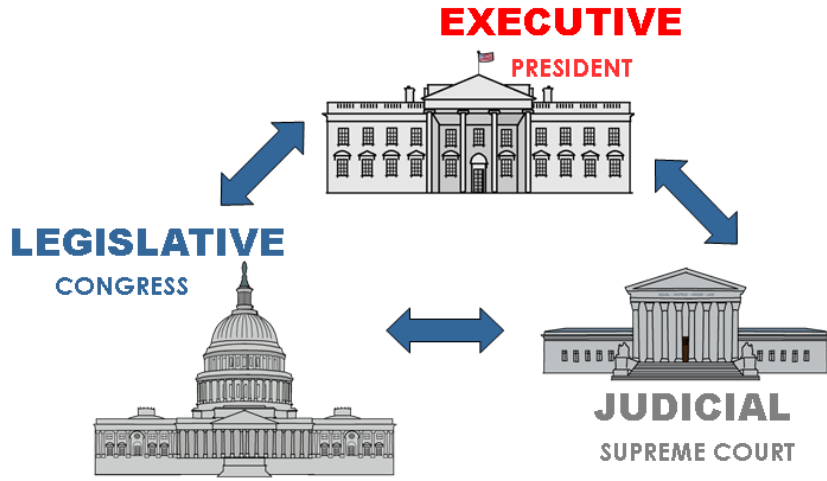


# CONSTITUTION

*We the People  
of the United States  
in order to form a more  
perfect union...*

The Constitution was written by our Founding Fathers over 200 years ago. It was designed to balance the power of our government. It divides the government into 3 separate, but equal branches:



Founding Fathers and the Constitution

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Shuffle the cards and place them in the pocket behind the Constitution square. Read each card and slide it to the square with the correct branch of government, or leave it in the Constitution square. Remove the cards from the pocket to check your answers.

**US CAPITOL BUILDING**

Makes the laws for our nation

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

**WHITE HOUSE**

Proposes and vetoes laws

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**SUPREME COURT**

Defines the meaning of laws

**JUDICIAL BRANCH**

**THE CONSTITUTION**

## PRESIDENT

George Washington



The President is the elected leader of the United States.

Who is the current President?



EXECUTIVE

## U.S. CABINET

Alexander Hamilton  
Secretary of the Treasury



**Cabinet Departments that Exist Now**

Secretary of: State  
Education  
Commerce  
Health  
Energy  
Agriculture  
CIA  
Homeland Security  
Housing and Urban Interior  
Justice  
NASA  
\*Treasury  
Veterans  
Transportation



EXECUTIVE

## CONGRESS

The 100 elected senators and 435 representatives are the members of the U.S. Congress.



100 SENATORS

+435



REPRESENTATIVES  
535 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS



LEGISLATIVE

## SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Frederick Muhlenberg



The Speaker of the House is chosen by the majority party and is third in line for the presidency.

Who is the current Speaker of the House?



LEGISLATIVE

The Bill of Rights are the first 10 amendments (changes) added to this document.



How many amendments have been added to the Constitution?



THE CONSTITUTION

## VICE PRESIDENT

John Adams



The Vice President is chosen by the president.

Who is the current Vice President?



EXECUTIVE

## SENATE

James Monroe  
Senator from Virginia



Every state elects 2 senators.

Senators serve for 6 years, but can be reelected.

Who are your state senators?



LEGISLATIVE

## HOUSE of Representatives

James Madison  
Congressman from Virginia



Representatives are elected by the people in their district. They serve for 2 years, but can be reelected.

Who is your representative?



LEGISLATIVE

## SUPREME COURT

Justice John Jay



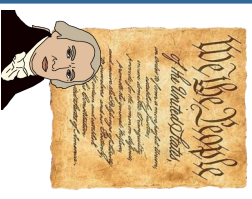
The Supreme Court justices are appointed by the president. They decide if laws are constitutional.

How many justices serve on the Supreme Court?



JUDICIAL

This document is the basic design for how our government should work. It divides the government into 3 separate, but equal branches.



THE CONSTITUTION