



AP Government

2nd Grading Period

Power Objective:

- Describe the three branches of government. ([GOV.7-8](#))
 - **GOV.7MC** Compare the powers and responsibilities of each branch of government as they pertain to law and public policy.
 - **GOV.8MC** Use historical or contemporary examples of interactions among two or three branches of the federal government to analyze the political dynamics involved.

Academic Vocabulary:

- congressional committees
- congressional leadership
- congressional bills
- presidential cabinet
- veto
- judicial activism
- stare decisis
- impeachment
- bicameral
- franking privilege
- lame duck
- judicial review

Branches of Government

Enduring Understandings:

- Spreading power around to different groups prevents abuse.
- People with power must be critically examined in order to prevent abuse.
- Negotiating and cooperation between the 3 branches of government can generate progress that enables the improvement of individual lives.

[Essential Questions:](#)

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- How and why do the 3 branches of government help move each other's agendas forward, and keep one branch from becoming too powerful?
- Why does sharing power in government allow for a thriving democracy?
- How do Supreme Court decisions affect and protect individual rights and freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution?
- Why does the creation of government policies affect the lives of citizens?