




# Essa Lesson 7: 3 Branches of Government Part 1

## Key Words

Word	Meaning
Executive	Having to do with the government
Legislative	Having to do with law making
Judicial	Having to do with courts of law
Veto	A power of the President to reject (i.e. not approve) a proposed law sent by Congress
Cabinet	The group that advises the President
Vote	To state one's choice of a candidate (or an issue) in an election
Capital	City where the government's legislative body meets
White House	The residence and workplace of the US President
Washington, DC	The capital of the US
Presidents' Day	Federal holiday to honor Presidents Washington and Lincoln

## The 3 Branches of Government

### Separation of Power

		
<b>Or Executive</b>	<b>Or Legislative</b>	<b>Or Judicial</b>

- Why do we have 3 branches of government, instead of just one?
  - Having 3 branches allows for power to be divided. This is called .....
  - ..... Makes laws
  - ..... Signs/vetoes laws
  - ..... Decides if laws are Constitutional
  - Separation of power and checks and balances prevent one branch from having too much .....

### The Rule of Law

- Rule of law means:
  - Everyone must ..... the law
  - Leaders must ..... the law
  - Government must obey the law
  - No-one is ..... the law

# The Executive Branch

## Electing the President

- We elect a President for ..... years.
- A President can serve no more than two terms (..... years).
- The election for the President is held in ..... on a Tuesday.

## The Power of the President

- The President signs bills to become .....
- If the President does not like a bill, he can ..... the bill.
- The President is in charge of the ..... Branch of the federal government.
- The President is the Commander-in-Chief of the .....

## The President's Cabinet

- Includes:
  - The Secretaries of ..... Departments.
  - The ..... - President
  - The ..... General
- The President's cabinet ..... the President.

## Select two cabinet-level positions:

Secretary of ..... Secretary of .....

## Political Parties

- The 2 major political parties in the United States are the:
  - ..... and ..... parties
- The political party of the President now is the ..... Party.

## If the President Can No Longer Serve:

- The ..... becomes President.
- If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, the ..... of the House becomes President.