




**3 Branches of the U.S. Government**  
 Separation of powers under Articles I, II, and III

<p align="center"><b>LEGISLATIVE</b> makes laws</p>	<p align="center"><b>EXECUTIVE</b> carries out laws</p>	<p align="center"><b>JUDICIAL</b> explains laws</p>
		
<p align="center"><b>CONGRESS</b> must meet at least one time each year</p> <p><b>Senate</b> --100 senators --2 senators from each state --term: 6 years</p> <p><b>Qualifications</b> --at least 30 years old --citizen for 9 years</p> <p><b>Presiding officer</b> --the Vice president, or --an elected <i>President pro tempore</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>House of Representatives</b> --435 representatives --435 representatives are divided among the 50 states. States with larger population get more representatives. --term: 2 years</p> <p><b>Qualifications</b> --at least 25 years old --citizen for 7 years</p> <p><b>Presiding officer</b> Speaker of the House</p>	<p align="center"><b>President and Vice president</b></p> <p>--elected by the Electoral College who are elected by the people at the November general election --a person can be elected president only two times --term: 4 years</p> <p><b>Qualifications</b> --at least 35 years old --a native-born citizen --lived in the U.S. for 14 years before the election</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>Cabinet</b></p> <p>--15 cabinet departments --15 cabinet officers --appointed by the President but must be approved by the Senate --term: determined by President. Serve as long as the President wants them --meet whenever the President wants</p>	<p align="center"><b>Supreme Court</b></p> <p>-- 9 justices --serve for life unless impeached --appointed by the President but must be approved by the Senate</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>Circuit Court of Appeals</b></p> <p>13 courts throughout the U.S.</p> <p>--serve for life unless impeached --appointed by the President but must be approved by the Senate</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>District Courts</b></p> <p>94 trial courts throughout the U.S.</p> <p>--serve for life unless impeached --appointed by the President but must be approved by the Senate</p>