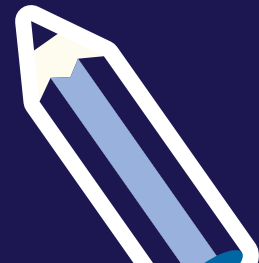
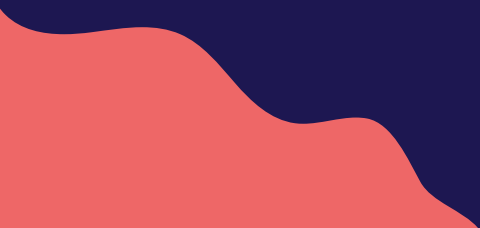
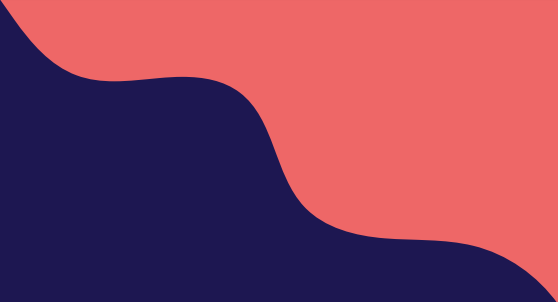


CHECKS AND BALANCES





WHY DID THE WRITERS OF THE CONSTITUTION INCLUDE CHECKS AND BALANCES?





SEPARATION OF POWERS

Separating Powers among the three branches of government (executive, legislative, and judicial) helps prevent any one branch from abusing its power.

What is abusing power?





WHAT DOES THE CONSTITUTION SAY?

The **Constitution** of the United States in Articles **I**, **II**, and **III** defines the power of the **legislative, executive, and judicial** branches of the **federal** government.

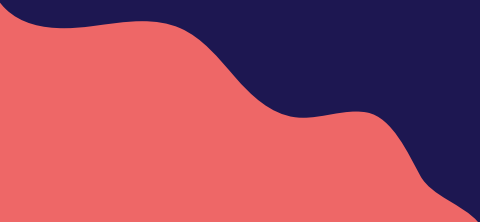




CHECKS AND BALANCES

Each of the three branches of the national government limits the exercise of power by the other two branches.

A system of checks and balances gives each of the three branches of government powers to limit (check) the power of the other branches.





READING!

Read page 173 and answer the questions on page 176.





WHAT POWERS DOES THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH HAVE...

Over the **Executive** Branch?

1. Impeach and convict a president
2. Approve the annual budget
3. Override vetoes





WHAT POWERS DOES THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH HAVE...

Over the **Judicial** Branch?

1. Approve/reject federal judge appointments
2. Impeach federal judges





WHAT POWERS DOES THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAVE...

Over the Legislative Branch

1. Call Congress into special session
2. Veto acts of Congress
3. Propose legislation
4. Prepare annual budget





WHAT POWERS DOES THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAVE...

Over the **Judicial** Branch?

1. Appoint federal judges





WHAT POWERS DOES THE JUDICIAL BRANCH HAVE...

Over the Legislative Branch?

1. Declare laws unconstitutional





WHAT POWERS DOES THE JUDICIAL BRANCH HAVE...

Over the **Executive** Branch?

1. Declare executive acts unconstitutional

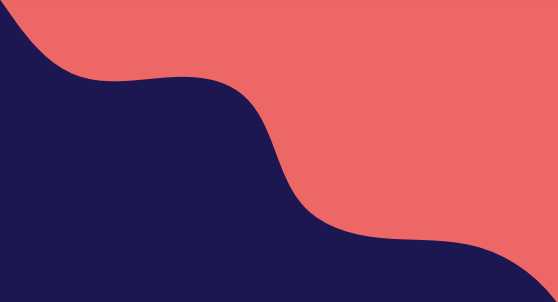




ACTIVITY!

Go past page 178 to the worksheet with the title, “What Can Happen?” Work with a partner/group and complete in under 10 minutes. We’ll review the examples you come up with!





HOW DO THE SEPARATION OF POWERS
AND THE SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND
BALANCES PROTECT AGAINST THE ABUSE
OF POWER BY ANY ONE BRANCH OF
GOVERNMENT?





ASSESSMENT!

Question: What are checks and balances and why are they important? (Hint: What do they prevent from happening?)

You must include:

- At least 3 vocabulary words from your note pages 159-160
 - At least 4-5 sentences in response to the question at the top of the assignment
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