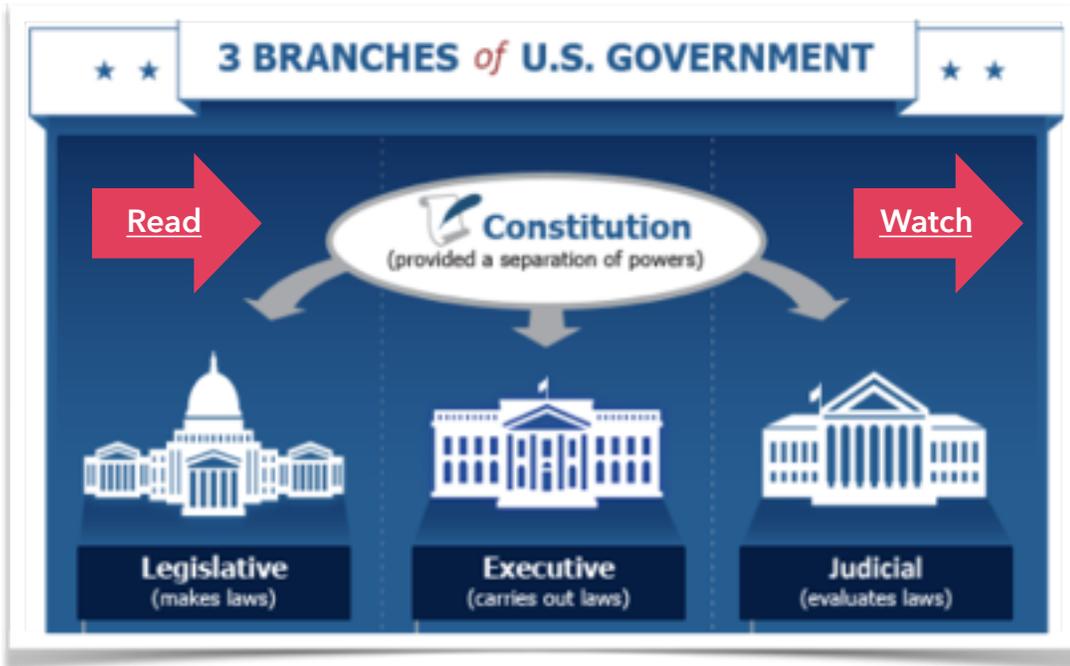


TM Newsletter

Readings, Resources, Links, and more!



Who has the power and how does it work?

In the United States of America, power is meant to be limited, separated, and shared between individuals and elected officials.

This system is called a representative democracy. Although people rule in our representative democracy, we are expected to consult at least two major documents before making any decisions that might affect all Americans. Those documents are the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution.

1
CONGRESS
 The House of Representatives and
 The Senate

2
PRESIDENT
 President, his/her
 cabinet, and any
 agency connected to
 this branch

3
SUPREME COURT
 9 judges and lower
 federal courts spread
 across the country



What powers do we have?
Who picks the president?



What powers do factions have?
What are factions and should they be feared?



What powers do the press have?
How does the press use its powers to help or hurt?

Videos:

Hilary Clinton > [Youtube link](#)

Donald Trump > [Youtube search](#)

Use the links above to watch various videos and ads put out by each candidate's campaign.

Third Parties > [Youtube search](#)

Wonder if there are any other candidates running for president? There are! Check them out at this Youtube search link.



Readings:

Clinton > [Official Website](#)

Trump > [Official Website](#)

Primary Sources:

Declaration of Independence:

This is a link to the full version of the DoI, which explains why the colonies broke-up with England and lists our countries ideals.

The U.S. Constitution: Full Version

This is a link to the entire Constitution with all the Articles and Amendments.

The U.S. Constitution: The Bill of Rights

Explains why the colonies broke-up with England and lists our countries ideals.

Power of the Press

This short analysis was written by Eugene V. Debs. a socialist working in the 1920s.

Secondary Sources:

The history of voting:

Go to this video link to watch a brief history of voting in the United States.

The Bill of Rights for Kids

Read a brief summary of each amendment and the history of individual rights listed in the Bill of Rights.

10 Supreme Court Cases every teenager should know

The nation's highest court has had plenty to say about everything from free speech at school to teenagers' rights. Read about the top 10 cases involving kids rights.

UNIT 4: ESSENTIAL QUESTION

IS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AN EFFECTIVE DEMOCRACY?

