

BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

SCAVENGER HUNT

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Q7 Which branch has 100 members?

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Q10 The _____ Branch is also considered Article III.

Number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

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Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	

CODE _____

_____ used as YOUR _____ with 5 letters

	=D		=L		=I
	=E		=M		=U
	=F		=N		=V
	=G		=O		=W
	=H		=P		=X
	=I		=Q		=Y
			=R		=Z

Record the letters for each answer below, then use the decoder to find the corresponding letter. If the answer to Question #1 was a _____, then the letter _____.

ALPHA CODE

LETTERS



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Q1	Q2	Q3			

E

CARD #3




The Legislative Branch also has other functions. It can declare war, impeach the president, confirm or reject treaties, and approve or deny the president's appointments. The Legislative Branch also has special agencies that provide support and help inform Congress on decisions. The citizens of the United States vote for Senators and Representatives to represent them in Congress. The Senate has 100 members, and the House has 435.

THINK TANK

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LEGISLATIVE	
	<input type="text"/>
CITIZENS	

CARD #1

There are three different sections of government in the United States. These different sections are referred to as branches. Each of the branches has a different purpose and function. The branches work together in many forms, but the power of each branch is separated from the powers of the other branches. This is to prevent one branch of government from becoming too powerful and known as checks and balances. The three branches of government are the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.

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FUNCTION	
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UNITED STATES	
	<input type="text"/>
JUDICIAL	

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 10 READING CARDS
- ✓ 10 QUESTIONS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

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CARD #5

The members of the Cabinet are appointed (picked or chosen) by the president, then voted on in Congress. The Cabinet helps the president make informed decisions across a variety of issues, including military operations. The Executive Branch enforces laws. It can also make treaties and appoint judges. The president can also pardon federal offenders. To pardon someone means to set aside the punishment for a federal crime. Presidents may serve two terms. Each term is four years.



CABINET



PARDON



PRESIDENT

CARD #7

It can also hear cases from lower courts that have been challenged. These cases come to the Judicial Branch for a final review. Once the Supreme Court makes a decision, the decision is final. Members of the Judicial Branch are selected differently than the Executive and Legislative Branch.



REVIEW



FINAL



SUPREME COURT

CARD #9

The U.S. federal government is made up of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches as outlined in the U.S. Constitution. These branches must work together to ensure the government operates smoothly. These three branches all ensure that the rights of citizens are protected and that each branch is balanced by another.



GOVERNMENT



BALANCED

HOW IT WORKS

NUMERIC ANSWERS
ANSWER SHEET - NUMERIC CODE
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ANSWER KEY

All you need to read AND do is to state the student's choice differently. When what

ANSWER SHEET - NUMERIC CODE

Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question. Questions #1-10 will NOT be found on card #1. You have to read each reading card to find your answer. The card number you found the answer to is the numeric code for the answer.

How many questions did you answer? _____

How many questions did you not answer? _____

How many questions did you not answer? _____

How many questions did you not answer? _____

CARD #S AND QUESTIONS

Write the answer to each question on the answer sheet in the box provided. If you are answering a question, be sure you are writing the correct answer.

Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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ANSWER SHEET - NUMERIC CODE

Eliminate the highest & lowest number used as your answer. All of numbers are spelled with just one letter. Write the numbers that start with the letter F.

Do not change the order of the numbers.

ANSWER KEY

1	=A	11	=S
2	=B	12	=T
3	=C	13	=U
4	=D	14	
5	=E	15	
6	=F	16	
7	=G	17	
8	=H	18	
9	=I	19	

SUMMARY

TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL

SUPPORTING DETAIL

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the chart below.

WORD	PICTURE	DEFINITION

10 READING CARDS

CARD #1
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CARD #2
The Legislative Branch, Article I, includes the House of Representatives. It is bicameral, which means it has two houses: the Senate and the House of Representatives. The main purpose of the Legislative Branch is to write or create bills that become laws.

CARD #3
The Legislative Branch also has other functions. It can declare war, impeach the president, confirm or reject treaties, and approve or disapprove of the president's appointments. The Legislative Branch has special agencies that provide support and information to Congress. The citizens of the United States elect members of Congress to represent them. Congress is made up of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the House of Delegates.

CARD #4
The Executive Branch, Article II, includes the President of the United States. The President is the leader of the Executive Branch with the title of Head of State. The Executive Branch also includes the Vice President, and a group of advisors called the Cabinet.

CARD #5
The members of the Cabinet are appointed (picked or chosen) by the president, then voted on in Congress. The Cabinet helps the president make informed decisions across a variety of issues, including military operations. The Executive Branch enforces laws. It can also make treaties and appoint judges. The president can also pardon federal offenders. To pardon someone means to set aside the punishment for a federal crime. Presidents may serve two terms. Each term is four years.

CARD #6
The Judicial Branch, Article III, is the federal court system. In this court system, the Supreme Court is the highest court. The Supreme Court has the power to review and decide if laws are constitutional. The Supreme Court also has the power to review and decide if government actions are constitutional.

CARD #7
It can also hear cases from lower courts that have been challenged. The Supreme Court can review the decisions of the lower courts. Once the Supreme Court has reviewed a case, the decision is final. The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States. The members of the Supreme Court are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. The members of the Supreme Court serve for life.

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CARD #9
The U.S. federal government is made up of three branches: the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. Each branch has its own powers and responsibilities. The branches must work together to make the government operate successfully. The branches all ensure that the rights of the citizens are protected. Each branch is balanced by another branch.

CARD #10
All the branches must work together to achieve the desired goals. With the separation of powers, no one branch can infringe on the rights of the people. The Founding Fathers designed the government to have limited power by dividing the federal government into three branches. All three branches of government are headquartered in the Capitol Building, Washington, D.C. The House of Representatives and the Supreme Court are also in Washington, D.C.

ANSWER SHEET: ALPHA CODE
Use the decoder to determine which LETTER your answer choice indicates (based on the questions on the other page). Refer back to the card WHERE you FOUND the answer to determine the letters.

= A	= J	= S
= B	= K	= T
= C	= L	= U

ANSWER SHEET: NUMERIC CODE
Answer the questions below by skimming the reading cards seeking TEXT EVIDENCE. Question # 1 will NOT be found on card # 1, you'll have to visit each reading card to find your answer. Be sure to indicate WHERE you found the answer at the bottom of this page. Then, refer back to THAT card (where you FOUND the answer) to determine the letter for the ALPHA code on the next page.

Q1 How many delegates refused to sign the Constitution without a Bill of Rights?	Q6 What is another word for federal (found in parenthesis)?
Q2 How many freedoms are included in the Bill of Rights Amendment?	Q7 The Anti-Federalists _____ (were against) a large government.
Q3 What is another word for liberties (found in parenthesis)?	Q8 The Bill of Rights has provided the foundation of freedom for all _____.
Q4 What is the change or addition to the Constitution known as?	Q9 Who drafted a Bill of Rights that had 19 amendments?
Q5 Most of the delegates from the states would not ratify, or sign, the Constitution.	Q10 What word means plan of government?

Refer to the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

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Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10		

CITE EVIDENCE



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Q1 Once the Supreme Court makes a decision, the decision is ____.	Q6 Each of the branches has a different purpose and ____.
Q2 The power of each branch of government is ____ by another branch.	Q7 Which part of Congress has 100 members?
Q3 What word means to set aside the punishment for a federal crime?	Q8 Who is the leader of the Executive Branch?
Q4 What are judges on the Supreme Court called?	Q9 What word means to have two houses or parts?
Q5 The ____ Building is in Washington, D.C.	Q10 The ____ Branch is also considered Article III.

Circle the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10

ALPHA CODE

For each answer below, then use the decoder to grab the corresponding letter. If the answer to Question # 1 was a crown, the letter would be C.

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10

Eliminate the highest & lowest number used as one of YOUR answers.
Get rid of all numbers that are not used as one of YOUR answers.

Eliminate the highest CONSONANT used as one of YOUR answers.
Eliminate the lowest CONSONANT used as one of YOUR answers.

4 letters remain? Do not change the order.

1

STUDENTS MAY START AT ANY QUESTION AND VISIT THE CARDS SEVERAL TIMES SEEKING TEXT EVIDENCE.

2

STUDENTS WILL RECORD WHERE THEY FOUND THE ANSWER.

3

STUDENTS WILL USE THE CLUES TO DETERMINE A 4-DIGIT ALPHA CODE AND 4-DIGIT NUMERIC CODE.

COMBINATION










This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ✓ **movement**
- ✓ **close reading**
- ✓ **comprehension skills**
- ✓ **secret codes**
- ✓ **citing evidence**
- ✓ **critical thinking**

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

OPTIONS

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

-  Anticipatory sets
-  Unit review
-  Early finishers
-  Stations
-  Sub plans
-  Partner work
-  Enrichment

-  Movement
-  Cross-curricular
-  Highly engaging

