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Three Branches of Government

Section A - Which branch does this?

1. Makes the laws: _____
2. Carries out (enforces) the laws: _____
3. Interprets the laws and decides if they follow the Constitution: _____
4. Includes Congress (the Senate and the House): _____
5. Includes the President and the Vice President: _____
6. Includes the Supreme Court: _____

Section B - Who is it?

1. The head of the executive branch: _____
2. The two parts of Congress: _____ and _____
3. The highest court in the country: _____
4. The branch that can declare a law unconstitutional: _____
5. The branch that can veto a bill: _____

Section C - Checks and balances

1. If Congress passes a bill, what can the President do? _____
2. If the President vetoes a bill, what can Congress do? _____
3. Why did the Founders split power among three branches? _____

Answer Key

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1. legislative
2. executive
3. judicial
4. legislative
5. executive
6. judicial
7. The President
8. the Senate and the House
9. The Supreme Court
10. judicial
11. executive
12. Sign it or veto it
13. Overrule the veto with a two-thirds vote
14. So no single branch becomes too powerful