

Law Day Essay
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The Three Branches of Government are the Legislative branch, Judicial branch, and Executive branch. The Legislative writes the law, the Judicial interprets the law, and the Executive enforces the law. The branches are governed by checks and balances. For example, the Executive branch will check and balance the Legislative branch by vetoing bills passed by the Legislature. And the Legislative branch (if the President's actions are unconstitutional) can impeach the President and take the President out of office. The Judicial Branch makes sure the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch are doing things that are constitutional. This process is called judicial review.

Checks and balances keep other branches from getting too powerful. If there were not multiple branches, one branch would be way too powerful. In the words of James Madison, "The accumulation of all powers, legislative, in the executive and judiciary, in the same hands, whether one, or few or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny." In other words, if all the powers of the three branches were in one branch, that branch would be too powerful and would result in tyranny.

Without the Separation of Powers, we could have a President who acts like a king! The Three Branches of Government secure our freedom by keeping checks and balances, observing The Separation of Powers, and by following the Constitution.