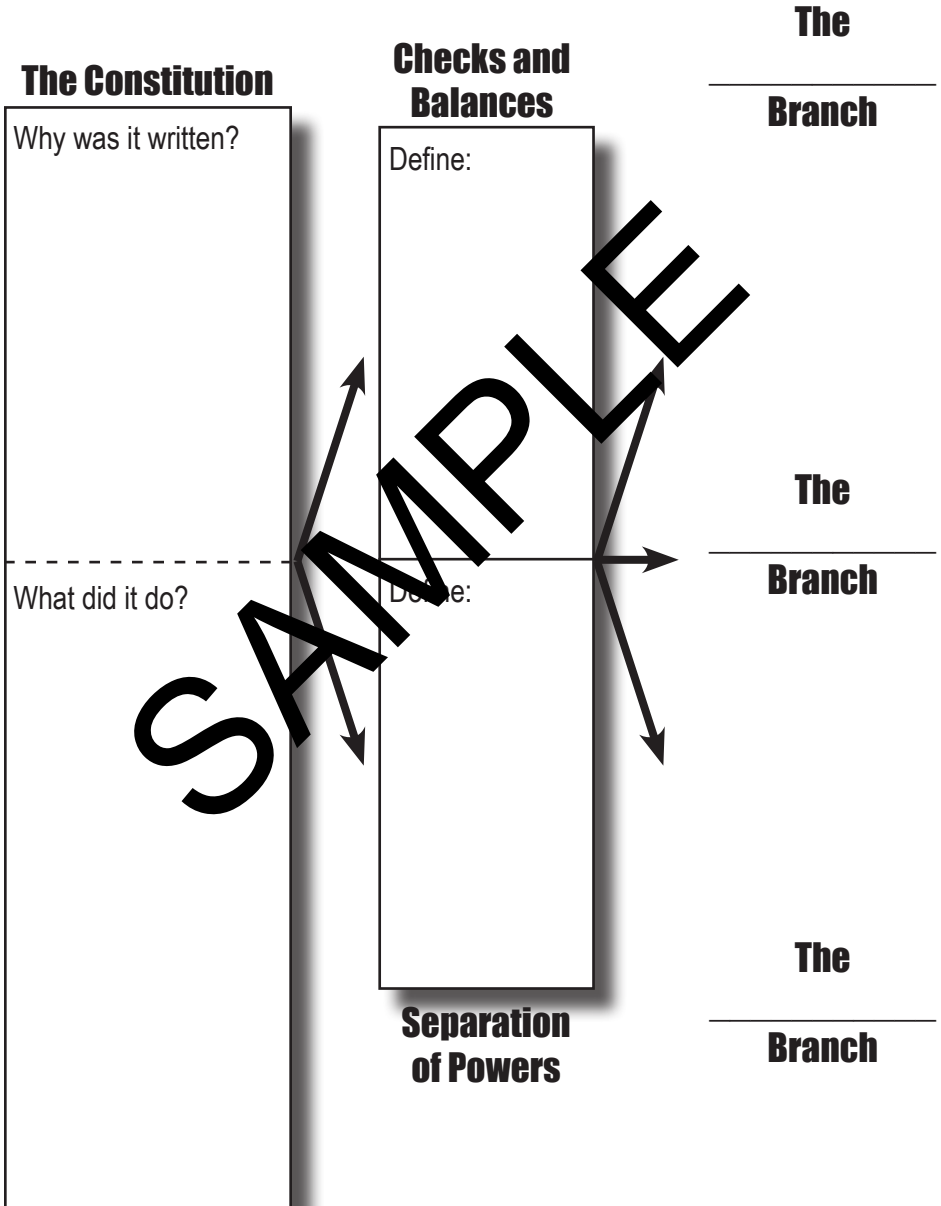


Three Branches Flowchart

Complete the graphic organizer with information about the three branches of government.



Who?

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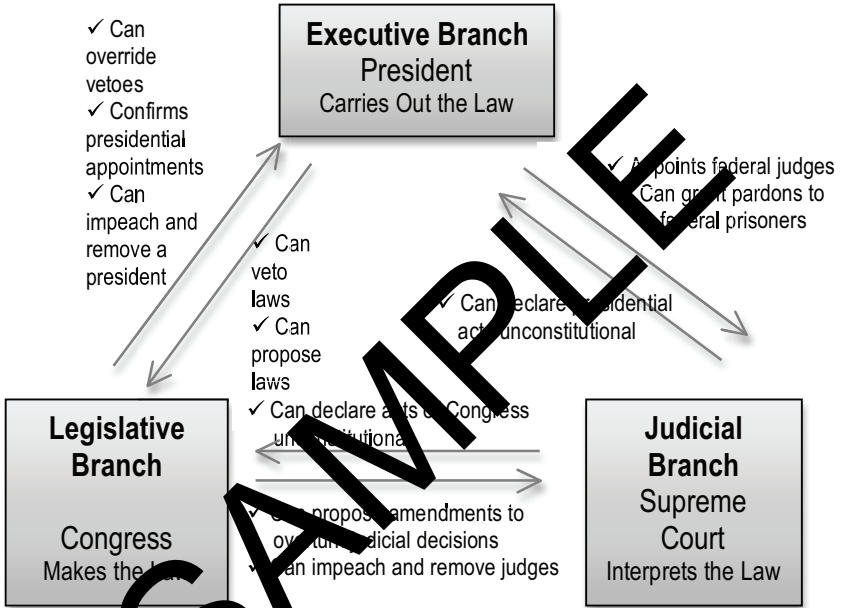
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DIAGRAM ANALYSIS

Checks & Balances

The Constitution separates the government into three branches and assigns powers to each. Some of these powers are meant to keep the branches from abusing their power through a system of checks and balances.

Use information from the diagram to complete the cause and effect graphic organizer.



SAMPLE

Cause	Effect	Possible Outcomes
The President vetoes a bill passed by Congress.		
A Supreme Court justice retires from the court.		
The President issues a Presidential act.		
The President appoints a new Secretary of State.		

PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

Appointing a Justice

This 1930 political cartoon depicts President Hoover trying to decide whom to nominate for Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court after the Senate rejected his first choice.

Analyze the cartoon and answer the questions.



Courtesy of The National Archives

1. A. What branch of government is represented by arrow A?
B. What branch of government is represented by arrow B?
2. What power is A exercising? What power is B exercising?
3. What can you infer about B's opinion of A? Why?
4. What is the main message of this cartoon? What words or symbols helped you reach your conclusion?
5. What can you infer about the cartoonists' opinion of President Hoover? Cite details from the cartoon to support your answer.