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Week 11 Branches of Government

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Monday- Fill in study guide using Powerpoint

Tuesday-

1. The judicial branch of our government explains and defines the laws. Which of the following is also a power of the judicial branch?
   1. It gives raises and makes payroll decisions for government employees.
   2. It overturns laws that violate the Constitution.
   3. It declares war.
   4. It controls money spent by American government agencies.
2. The legislative branch is composed of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The number of representatives for each state is determined by
   1. The amount of money each state raises in taxes
   2. The number of countries or parishes in a state
   3. The geographical size of a state
   4. The number of people living in a state

Wednesday

1. The executive branch of the government is lead by the
   1. Secretary of State
   2. Vice President
   3. President
   4. Supreme Court

1. The legislative branch votes and passes new laws that must be approved by the executive branch, the president. What happens if the president vetoes a proposed law?
   1. The proposed law is approved.
   2. The proposed law is delayed.
   3. The proposed law must be rewritten.
   4. The proposed law is not passed.
2. What are checks and balances? Why is it important to have checks and balances in the United States government?

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Thursday

1. The branch of government that interprets the laws is the
   1. Administrative branch
   2. Judicial branch
   3. Executive branch
   4. Legislative branch
2. We have three separate powers in our form of government in order to
   1. Allow the separate powers to have more control
   2. Insure that no one power is stronger than any of the other powers
   3. Have a system of checks and balances
   4. Keep the most important power in control
3. If you could serve in our government in any branch, which branch would you choose and why? What would your job be?

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