

Branches of Government

The **main idea** of a text is what the text is all about.



1. Read the passage and identify the main idea.

There are three branches in the United States Government: the judicial, the legislative and the executive. Each branch has its own job and that way the power is spread equally.

The judicial branch is in charge of interpreting the laws. There are many courts in the judicial branch, the highest court being the Supreme Court.

The legislative branch is composed of the Senate and the House of Representatives. This branch is in charge of making the laws.

The executive branch is responsible for implementing and enforcing the laws.

In order to make sure one branch does not become more powerful than the other, the checks and balances was put into place. This means that each branch has some power to check the other branches.



2. Check the main idea of the passage.

The United States has a Supreme Court.

There are three branches in the United States Government.

The executive branch is in charge of writing laws.