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This site has a lot to teach you about our government. Today we will use it to explore the three branches of government.

1) From the start page, click on the link for Branches of Government. Use the information on that page to answer the questions below.

- The delegates to the Constitutional Convention wanted to create a government that was \_\_\_\_\_, but not too \_\_\_\_\_.
- To solve this problem they created a government with three separate \_\_\_\_\_, each with its own distinct \_\_\_\_\_.
- This system is known as “\_\_\_\_\_”.
- Each branch can control the others through a system of “\_\_\_\_\_”.

2) Click on the link for The Legislative Branch. Use the information on that page to answer the questions below.

- What is the main job of the legislative branch?
- What is the name of the legislative branch of our federal (national) government?
- Congress is *bicameral*, meaning that it has two chambers, or houses. What are their names?

3) Use your “Back” button or the “Go” menu to return to Branches of Government page. Click on the link for The Judicial Branch. Use the information on that page to answer the following questions.

- What is the name of the highest court in the country?
- How did the lower federal courts come to be?
- What are the jobs of the courts?

4) Use your “Back” button or the “Go” menu to return to Branches of Government page. Click on the link for The Executive Branch. Use the information on that page to answer the following questions.

- What is the main job of the executive branch?
- Who is the head of the executive branch?
- Why does this person serve a limited term of office?
- Who helps the President do his/her job?