

Interpreting Graphics

Graphic 1

1. How many “branches” are there in our federal government?
2. What are the two parts of Congress?
3. What part of the Constitution establishes the Judicial Branch?
4. Who is the head of the executive branch of our federal government?

Graphic 2

1. What is the main job of the legislative branch?
2. What is the main job of the executive branch?
3. What is the main job of the judicial branch?
4. How many people serve in the Congress?
5. How many departments are there in the executive branch?
6. Who/what is at the head of the judicial branch of our federal government?
7. Why did the “Founding Fathers” (the men who helped start our nation) want to divide the government into three branches?

Graphic 3

1. What is the subject of this graphic?
2. In our federal system of government, power is shared between the _____ government and the _____.
3. Which level of government is responsible for national defense?
4. Which level of government is responsible for education?

Graphic 4

1. Some powers are *delegated* to the federal (national) government. What three “delegated” powers do you feel are the most important?
2. Some powers are *reserved* for the states. Which three “reserved” powers do you think affect you the most on a daily basis?
3. Some powers are shared between the federal government and the states. Which two “shared” powers help both levels of government get the money they need to do their work?

Bonus: Which governing power, because it is *reserved* for the individual states, created a difficult situation for our nation as a during the last Presidential Election (November 2000)? How might the situation have been avoided if this power was a *delegated* power?