

# I The three branches

Read each question about the United States government. Fill in the bubble for the best answer.

1. Which branch of government makes the laws?  
☐ A. legislative      ☐ B. executive  
☐ C. judicial      ☐ D. military
2. Congress is made up of the Senate and the  
☐ A. Supreme Court      ☐ B. Cabinet  
☐ C. House of Representatives      ☐ D. state governors
3. Who is the head of the executive branch?  
☐ A. the Chief Justice      ☐ B. the President  
☐ C. the Speaker of the House      ☐ D. the Senate
4. How many justices sit on the Supreme Court today?  
☐ A. five      ☐ B. seven  
☐ C. twelve      ☐ D. nine
5. How many senators does each state elect?  
☐ A. two      ☐ B. one  
☐ C. four      ☐ D. it depends on the state
6. When the President rejects a bill from Congress, it is called a  
☐ A. treaty      ☐ B. ruling  
☐ C. veto      ☐ D. vote
7. Congress can still pass a law the President rejected with a vote of  
☐ A. one half of each chamber      ☐ B. two thirds of each chamber  
☐ C. the Supreme Court      ☐ D. every governor
8. The power of courts to decide whether a law follows the Constitution is called  
☐ A. impeachment      ☐ B. a filibuster  
☐ C. an election      ☐ D. judicial review
9. Each branch can limit the power of the other two. This system is called  
☐ A. checks and balances      ☐ B. federalism  
☐ C. the Bill of Rights      ☐ D. a monarchy
10. How long is one term for a President?  
☐ A. two years      ☐ B. four years  
☐ C. six years      ☐ D. eight years
11. Which part of Congress votes to confirm a new Supreme Court justice?  
☐ A. the House      ☐ B. the Cabinet  
☐ C. the Senate      ☐ D. the voters
12. Which branch is led by the Supreme Court?  
☐ A. legislative      ☐ B. executive  
☐ C. local      ☐ D. judicial