



TREE OF GOVERNMENT



Below is a randomized list of words associated with the three branches of our federal government. Your task is to sort all these words into a "tree of government".

Create a tree to represent the 3 branches of government.

BIG BRANCHES

Step 1: Make the trunk of the tree the "U.S. Federal Government".

Step 2: The first three main branches should be the three branches of government:

Legislative (CONGRESS)	Executive	Judicial
---------------------------	-----------	----------

Step 3: Make these into smaller branches (off from the branch it is associated with):

SMALLER BRANCHES

Supreme Court	Vice-President
President	Cabinet
Senate	District Courts
House of Representatives	Appellate Courts

Step 4: Sort the powers/duties/terms into the smaller branch it is associated with:

LEAVES OF THE TREE

Approve treaties with other countries	Propose amendments to the constitution	
Power to review all laws and treaties	Power to declare laws unconstitutional	
Nominate judges	Nominate ambassadors	
Declare war on foreign countries	Commander-In-Chief (leader of the military)	
Override vetoes by the president	Sign bills into law	
Write new legislation (laws)	Breaks a 50/50 tie vote in Senate (Article 1, Section 3)	
Interpret the Laws	Hear cases involving federal laws	
Veto proposed bills from Congress	Make treaties with foreign countries	
Sole power of impeachment (Article 1, Section 2)	Settle disputes between the states	
Power to hold impeachment trials (Article 1, Section 3)	Approve ambassadors	
Preside over impeachment trials (Article 1, Section 3)	Execute/carry out the laws	
Create a bill to raise revenue (tax bill)	Advise the president	
Hear appeals from the district courts	Hear appeals from the appellate courts	
Senate President (Article 1, Section 3)	Grant pardons (forgiveness) for federal crimes	
Minimum 25 years old	Minimum 30 years old	Minimum 35 years old
2-Year Term	4-Year Term	6-Year Term
		Lifetime Term

*Items listed in **BOLD** letters indicate they are to be used **two or more times.**

FRUIT?

Add these people to the appropriate branch:

President Barack Obama	Justice Stephen Breyer	Rep. Greg Walden (R)	Rep. Peter DeFazio (D)
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Justice Antonin Scalia	Justice Anthony Kennedy	Justice Sonia Sotomayor
OR Senator Ron Wyden (D)	Rep. David Wu (D)	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D)	Rep. Kurt Schrader (D)
Chief Justice John Roberts	V.P. Joe Biden	Justice Sam Alito	OR Senator Jeff Merkley (D)
Justice John Paul Stevens	Justice Clarence Thomas	Secretary of State Hillary Clinton	
Secretary of Defense Robert Gates		Attorney General Eric Holder	
Secretary of Education Arne Duncan		Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano	

BONUS:
What would be the **ROOTS** of the tree?