

Tree of Government

Directions: Create a tree to represent the three branches of government.

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

Step 2: The first three big branches should be the three branches of federal government.

Step 3: Create smaller branches off of the three big branches to represent the following:

1. Supreme Court
2. President
3. Senate
4. House of Representatives
5. Vice President
6. District Courts

Step 4: Create even smaller branches or leaves to represent the following:

1. Approves treaties with other countries
2. Nominates judges
3. Power to review all laws
4. Declares war on foreign countries
5. Writes new legislation (laws)
6. Interprets the laws
7. Power to hold impeachment (firing) trials
8. 2 year terms
9. 4 year terms
10. 6 year terms
11. lifetime terms
12. Power to declare laws unconstitutional
13. Commander-in-Chief (leader of the military)
14. Sign bills into laws
15. Settles disputes between states
16. Executes and carries out laws
17. Grant pardons for federal crimes

Step 5: Add the following people as leaves to the appropriate branches.

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| 1. President Barack Obama | 5. Justice Sonia Sotomayor |
| 2. VP Joe Biden | 6. Senator Jeff Merkley |
| 3. Chief Justice John Roberts | 7. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton |
| 4. Rep. Greg Walden | 8. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates |

