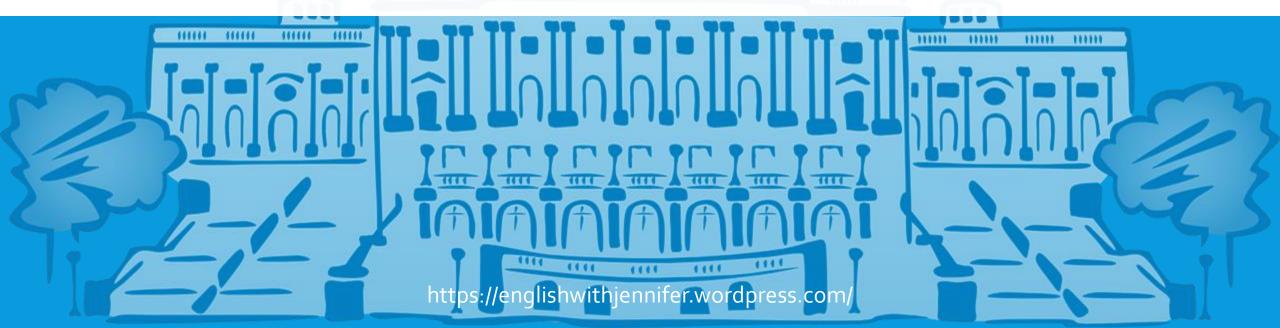


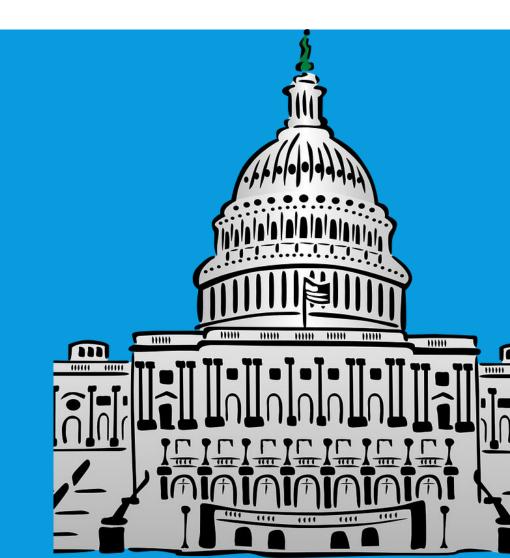
U.S. GOVERNMENT

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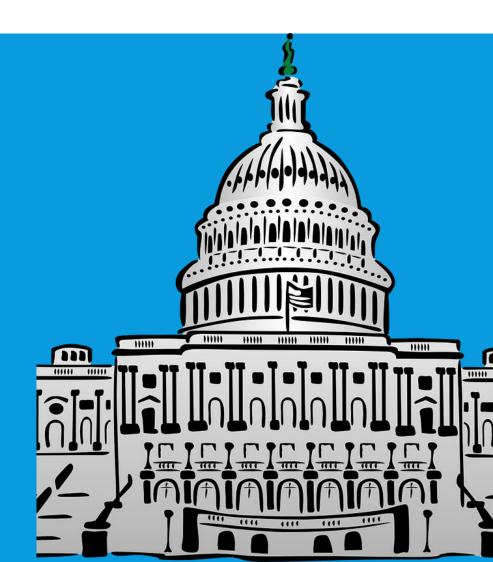


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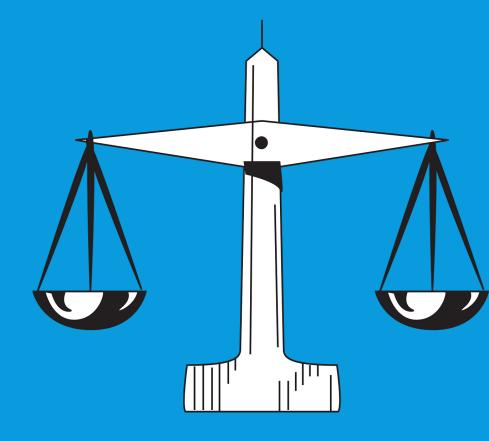
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2. Fill in the missing words.

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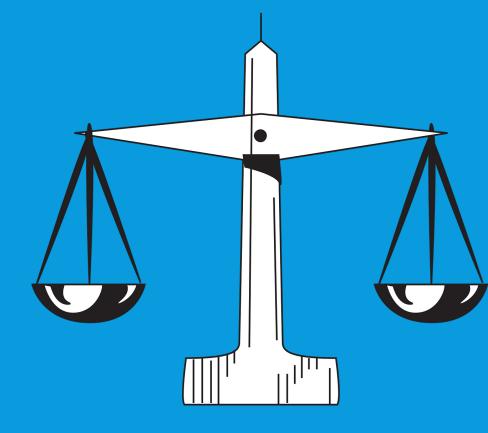
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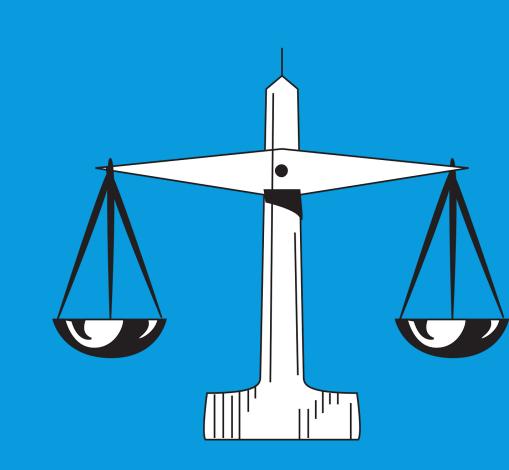


3. What explains the separation of powers?

The U.S. Supreme Court

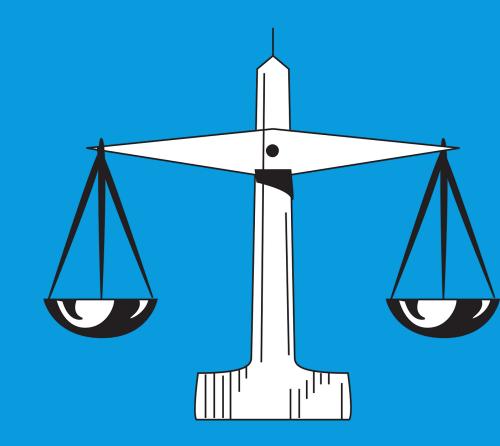
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4. The U.S. Constitution has been in effect since what year?

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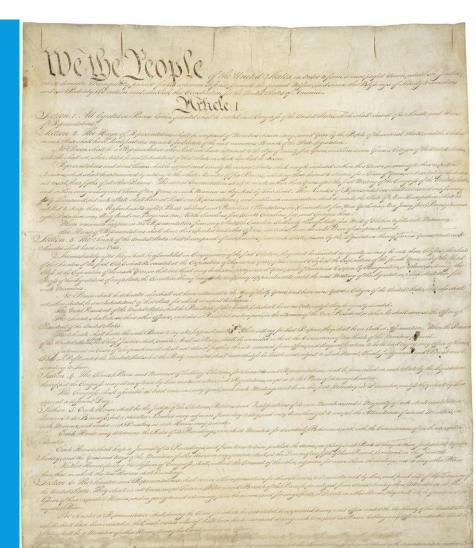
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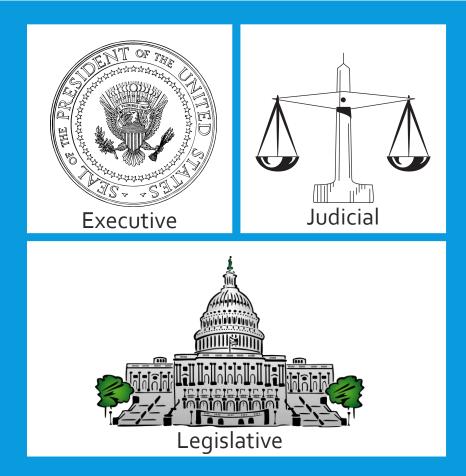
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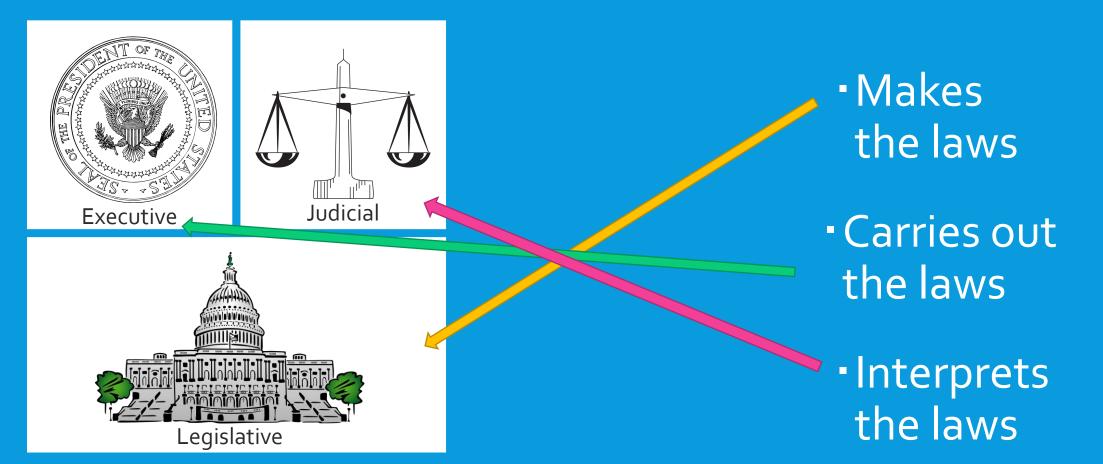


5. Match the branch of government to its main job.



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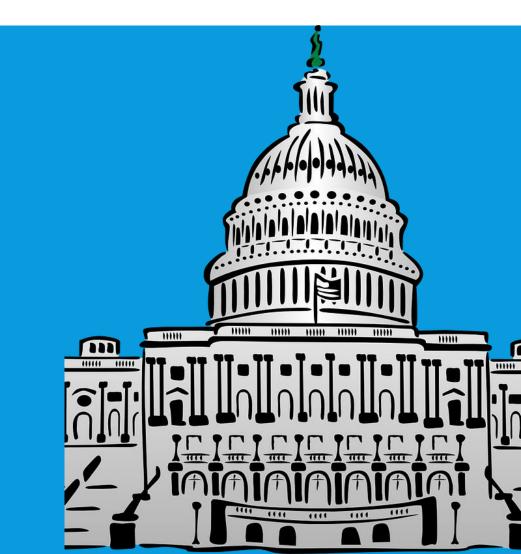




6. What are the two chambers of Congress?

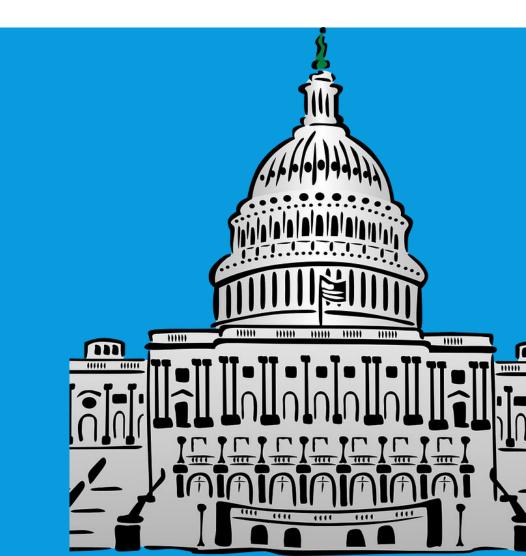
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• (Upper chamber) The Senate

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7. How many justices are on the U.S. Supreme Court?



There are 9 justices:
1 Chief Justice and
8 Associate Justices

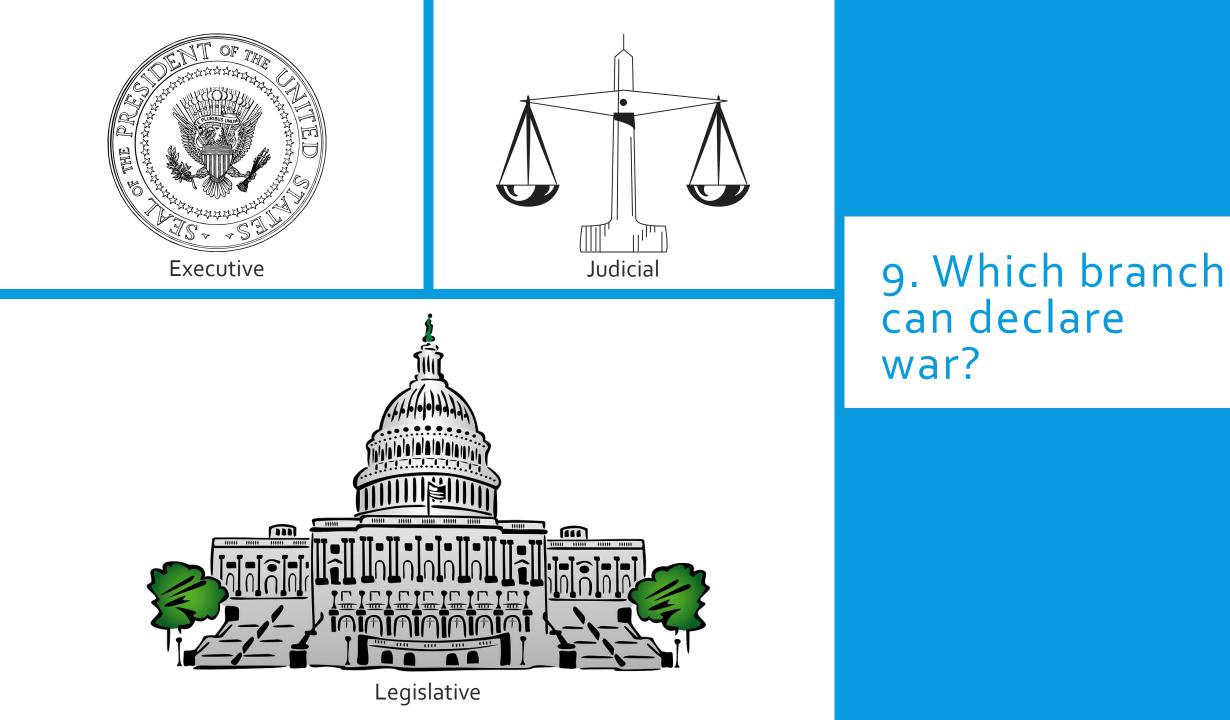


8. Why is the U.S. President also called the Commander-in-Chief?



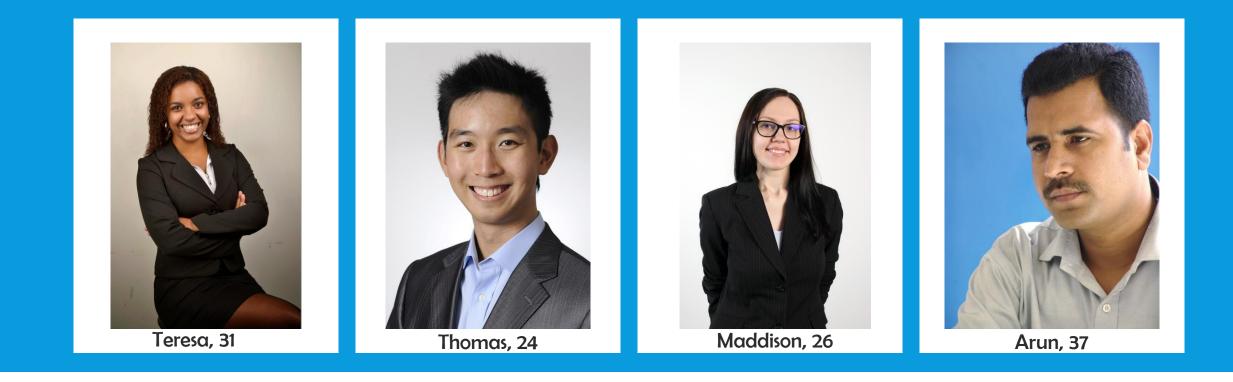
 The President is also the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S Armed Forces.
S/he heads the military.



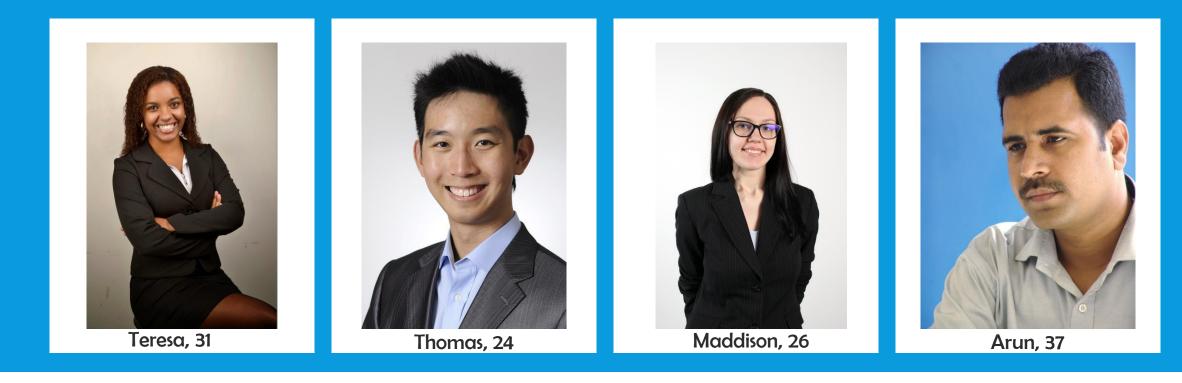


The legislative branch. Only Congress can declare war.





10. Based on age alone, who is eligible to be a U.S. Representative, a U.S. Senator, or the U.S. President?



10. Answers: **Thomas** is too young for any of the offices. Only **Arun** can run for President (35+). **Teresa and Arun** are old enough to be Senators (30+). **Maddison** is old enough to serve as U.S. Representative (25+).



11. The abbreviation for the President of the United States is POTUS. What is the abbreviation for the Supreme Court of the United States?



11. Answer: SCOTUS



12. Which members of the government have the job of filling a vacancy on the Supreme Court?



12. Answer: **The President** nominates someone. **The Senate** confirms the nomination. The President then officially appoints the new Justice. 13. How long does a Supreme Court justice serve?

- Up to 2 four-year terms
- Unlimited six-year terms
- For one's lifetime



 For one's lifetime.
It's a lifetime appointment.



14. How many amendments does the U.S. Constitution have?

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- To protect states' rights
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16. How many U.S. Senators are there?

• 50

100

It depends on each state's population.



100

Each state has two Senators.



17. What's the maximum number of years someone can serve as the President of the United States?





• 8

The President can be reelected and serve two terms. Each term is four years.



18. What group of people advise the President?



18. Answer: The Members of the Cabinet