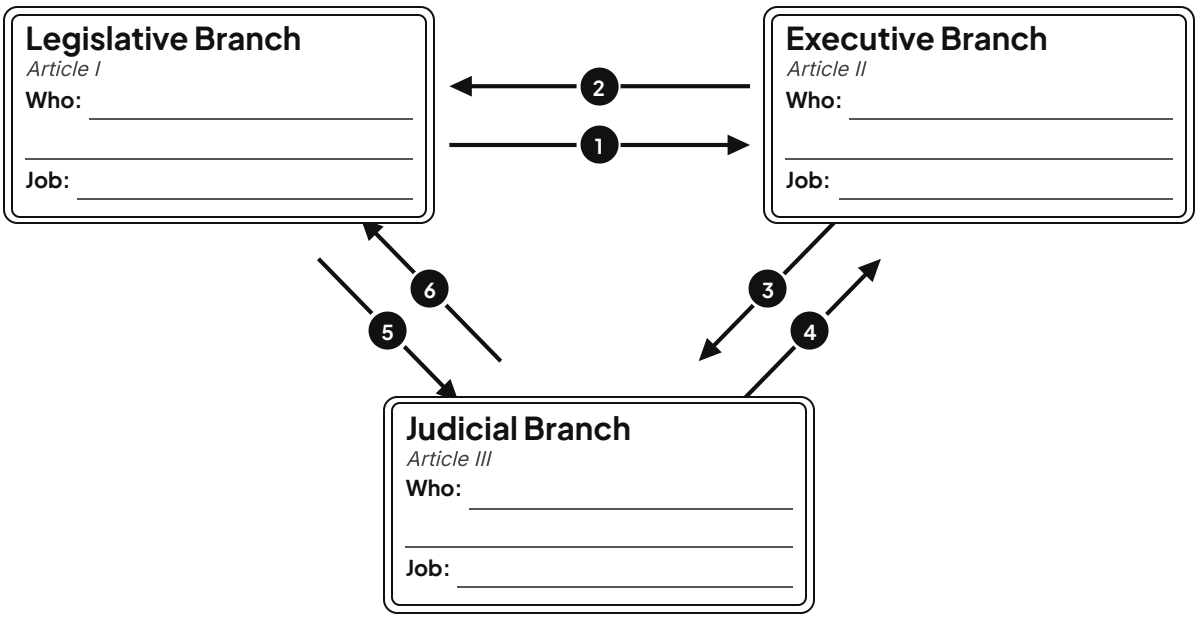
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THREE BRANCHES AND CHECKS AND BALANCES: PRACTICE

Fill in each branch. Then use the word bank to write each numbered check on its line below the chart.



Word bank

Override a veto; impeach | Veto a bill | Rule actions unconstitutional | Rule laws unconstitutional
Confirm judges; impeach | Nominate judges

1. **Legislative checks Executive:** _____
2. **Executive checks Legislative:** _____
3. **Executive checks Judicial:** _____
4. **Judicial checks Executive:** _____
5. **Legislative checks Judicial:** _____
6. **Judicial checks Legislative:** _____

1. **Congress passes a bill, and the president vetoes it. Follow the arrows. What can Congress do next, and how many votes does it need?**

2. **A new Supreme Court justice is needed. Which two branches take part in choosing the justice, and what does each one do?**

3. **Find the arrows from the judicial branch. What can courts do? Was this power written in the Constitution in 1787? Explain.**

4. **Which writer from the past said power should be split into parts so no one holds it all? Why did the framers, who had just fought a king, want each branch to check the others?**