

The Powers of Government

Final Assignment Instructions

In this lesson, you have learned about the different responsibilities of the three branches of the U.S. government. You will now write an essay that shares what you have learned and what you think about it. You will need a printout of your notes.

- Choose one of the topics below and **write** an essay.
- **Organize** your response so that it includes at least three supporting details that you have learned from the reading passage, video, and other materials in this lesson.
- **Use** at least three vocabulary words (or a form of the words) as part of your supporting details.

Essay Topics

1. List the three branches of the U.S. government. Describe the responsibilities of each branch, and give one example of what each branch does.
2. Make a list of some of the main jobs of the U.S. government. Select two jobs from your list and explain for each one: (1) whose responsibility it is to do the job, and (2) who provides the checks and balances.
3. Explain why you think checks and balances are an important part of how the U.S. government works. Give an example of where you think this shared power is important.

Vocabulary Words

responsibilities
representatives
separation
commerce