

## CHECKS AND BALANCES OF THE THREE BRANCHES

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

<i><b>LEGISLATIVE OVER EXECUTIVE</b></i> <i>-Congress over President-</i>	<i><b>LEGISLATIVE OVER JUDICIAL</b></i> <i>-Congress over Supreme Court-</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. refuse to confirm Pres. appointments</li> <li>2. refuse to ratify treaties</li> <li>3. declare war</li> <li>4. impeach and remove the Pres. and V.P.</li> <li>5. override a Presidential veto</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. propose amendments to overturn Court decisions</li> <li>2. impeach and remove federal judges</li> <li>3. refuse to confirm Supreme Court judges</li> </ol>

### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

<i><b>EXECUTIVE OVER LEGISLATIVE</b></i> <i>-President over Congress-</i>	<i><b>EXECUTIVE OVER JUDICIAL</b></i> <i>-President over Supreme Court-</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. veto acts of Congress</li> <li>2. suggest laws or policies</li> <li>3. send troops</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. appoints federal judges</li> <li>2. pardon federal offenders</li> <li>3. can "refuse" to enforce judicial rulings</li> </ol>

### JUDICIAL BRANCH

<i><b>JUDICIAL OVER LEGISLATIVE</b></i> <i>-Supreme Court over Congress-</i>	<i><b>JUDICIAL OVER EXECUTIVE</b></i> <i>-Supreme Court over President-</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. appointed for life</li> <li>2. declare acts of Congress unconstitutional</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. appointed for life</li> <li>2. declare executive acts unconstitutional</li> </ol>

Listed below are some of the checks and balances of the three branches of government. In the spaces provided write:

- **E** if it is a power possessed by the **executive branch**,
- **L** if it is power possessed by the **legislative branch**,
- **J** if it is a power possessed by the **judicial branch**.

1. \_\_\_ Can veto acts of Congress.
2. \_\_\_ Can impeach and remove the President and Vice-President.
3. \_\_\_ Can declare executive acts unconstitutional.
4. \_\_\_ Can propose amendments to overturn Court decisions.
5. \_\_\_ Appoints federal judges.
6. \_\_\_ Can override a Presidential veto.
7. \_\_\_ Appointed for life, so as to be free from executive and legislative control.
8. \_\_\_ Can refuse to confirm Presidential appointments.
9. \_\_\_ Can suggest laws or policies.
10. \_\_\_ Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional.
11. \_\_\_ Can refuse to ratify treaties.
12. \_\_\_ Can pardon federal offenders.
13. \_\_\_ Can impeach and remove federal judges.
14. \_\_\_ Can declare war.