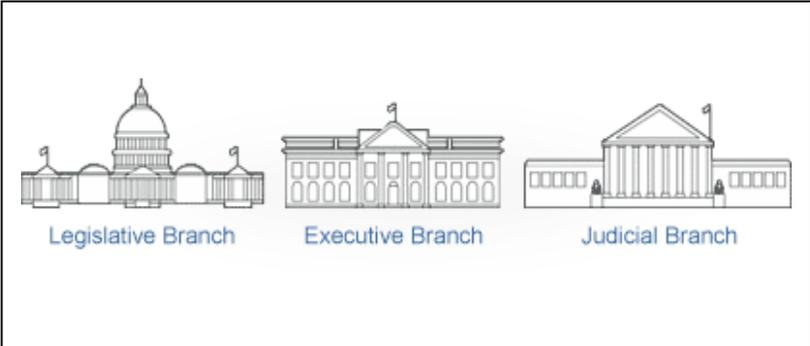


SS.7.C.1.1 Low Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation

Question	<p>The image below concerns government.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Source: U.S. House of Representatives</p> <p>Which Enlightenment idea is represented by the image?</p>		<p>The image is a visual representation of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government.</p> <p>The correct answer option should explain which Enlightenment idea is shown by the image of the three branches of government.</p>
A	separation of powers	Correct –The image shows how powers of the government are divided into three different branches.	
B	checks and balances	Incorrect – The image does not show how the three branches interact or how they control one another.	
C	social contract	Incorrect –The image does not show a voluntary agreement between people and the government.	
D	natural law	Incorrect – The image does not represent laws passed by government to protect natural rights.	



SS.7.C.1.1 Moderate Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation

Question	<p>The statements below are from the 1776 Virginia Declaration of Rights.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That in all capital or criminal prosecutions a man hath a right to demand . . . evidence in his favor, and to a speedy trial by an impartial jury . . . 2) That the legislative, executive, and judiciary department shall be separate and distinct . . . 3) That the freedom of the press is one of the great bulwarks of liberty, and can never be restrained . . . 4) That a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state . . . </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Source: Public Domain / U.S. National Archives and Records Administration</p> <p>Which statement reflects the Enlightenment ideas of government as expressed by Montesquieu?</p>	<p>The statements are from the 1776 Virginia Declaration of Rights. This document is not required reading so it may include unfamiliar information.</p> <p>The correct answer will reflect Enlightenment thinker Montesquieu’s influence on the writing of this document.</p>
A	1	Incorrect – The rights to a speedy trial and trial by jury are individual liberties, they are not beliefs about government.
B	2	Correct – This statement describes Montesquieu’s Enlightenment idea that each branch of government, or “department,” should be separate (separation of powers) in order to limit the power of government as a whole.
C	3	Incorrect – Freedom of the press is not an idea of government; freedom of the press is an individual liberty.
D	4	Incorrect – The right to a militia was not an Enlightenment idea.



SS.7.C.1.1 High Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation

Question	How are the Enlightenment ideas that influenced the Founding Fathers reflected in modern institutions?	<p>Apply Enlightenment ideas of the Founding Fathers to modern institutions.</p> <p>The correct response will reflect how the Enlightenment ideas that influenced the Founding Fathers are found in present times.</p>
A	Colonies have been re-established to preserve popular sovereignty.	Incorrect – Colonies would not be established to preserve rule by the people.
B	Oligarchies have increased to safeguard natural rights.	Incorrect – Power concentrated with a small group of individuals in an oligarchy would not protect the people from violations of their basic rights and liberties.
C	The United Nations promotes universal human rights.	Correct – The United Nations was formed to promote universal human rights after human rights violations in several countries were exposed during World War II. Promoting universal human rights reflects the Enlightenment idea of natural law.
D	The European Union encourages economic stability.	Incorrect – The Enlightenment ideas that influenced the Founding Fathers did not reflect economic stability.

