

BENCHMARK SS.7.C.3.3

Strand	C Civics and Government
Reporting Category	Organization and Function of Government
Standard	Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.
Benchmark	SS.7.C.3.3 Illustrate the structure and function (three branches of government established in Articles I, II, and III with corresponding powers) of government in the United States as established in the Constitution.
Benchmark Clarifications	<p>Students will recognize the structure of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.</p> <p>Students will compare the roles and responsibilities of the three branches of the federal government.</p> <p>Students will identify the general powers described in Articles I, II, and III of the U.S. Constitution.</p>
Content Limit	Items will not include comparison of U.S. government to other forms of government.
Stimulus Attribute	Items addressing the structure and function of the three branches of government may use historical and contemporary documents and other relevant stimuli (e.g., maps, timelines, charts, graphs, tables).
Content Focus	These terms are given in addition to those found in the standards, benchmarks, and benchmark clarifications. Additional items may include, but are not limited to, the following: approval of presidential appointments, armed forces, coin and print money, concurrent powers, declare war, delegated powers, elastic clause, enumerated powers, foreign relations, impeachment, implied powers, naturalization laws, necessary and proper, regulation of immigration, and regulation of trade.

Sample Item 22**SS.7.C.3.3****Content Focus**

Treaties

The newspaper headline below describes an event in U.S. history.



Which parts of the national government participated in the process described in the newspaper headline?

- ★ A. Senate and President
- B. Supreme Court and President
- C. House of Representatives and Senate
- D. Supreme Court and House of Representatives