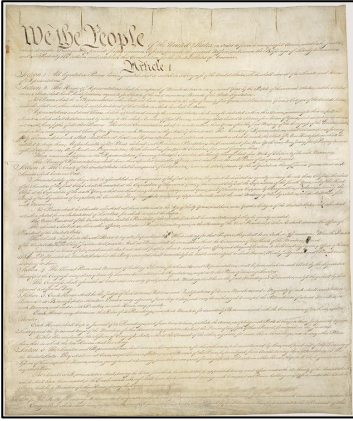


# The United States Government

For all US citizens  
All ages



## PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT

The people of the United States of America wrote the Constitution to create a safe and organized nation. This country must keep citizens safe, protect their rights and freedoms, and provide services to citizens to improve their daily lives.

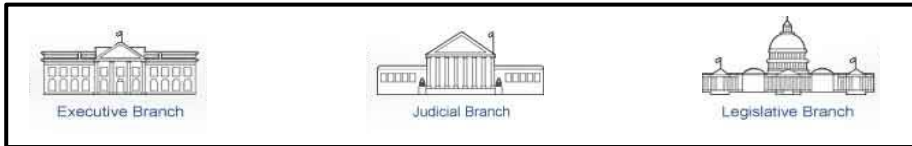
## SET-UP

The Declaration of Independence announced the United States' freedom from Britain. The Constitution explains the organization of the United States government. The Bill of Rights and other amendments were added to protect citizens' rights.

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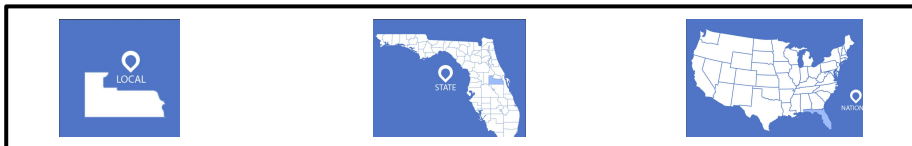
Three branches of government:

1. Executive
2. Judicial
3. Legislative



Three levels of government:

1. Local
2. State
3. National



## ASSEMBLY

Separation of powers splits the responsibilities of the government into three branches. Checks and balances make sure one branch does not have too much power over the other two.

## RULES



1. The government must protect citizens' rights. This is done through the Bill of Rights and amendments to the Constitution.
2. The government must provide security for citizens to keep them safe. This includes police, military, and patrols.
3. The government must provide services to citizens, including: education, public transportation, park services, and energy.

