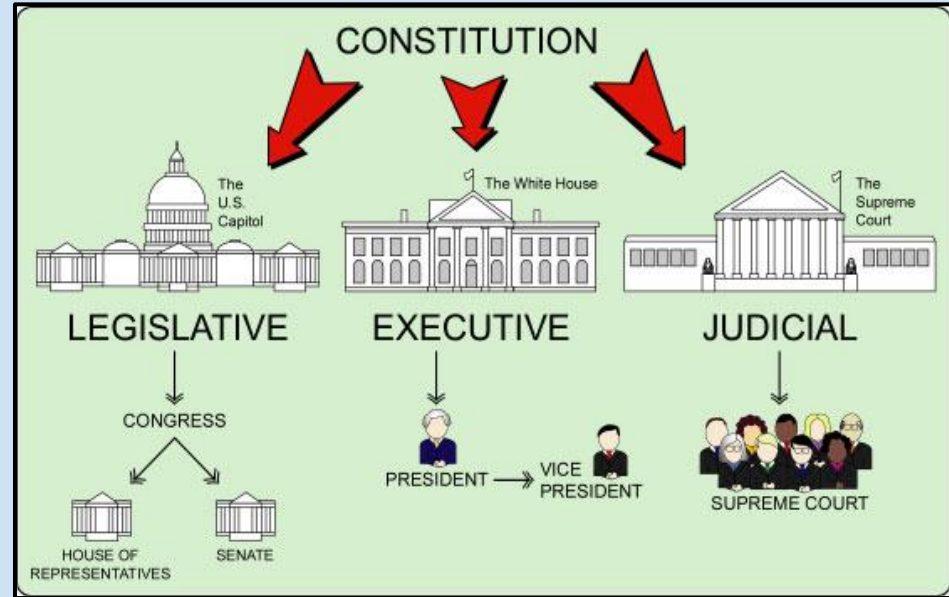
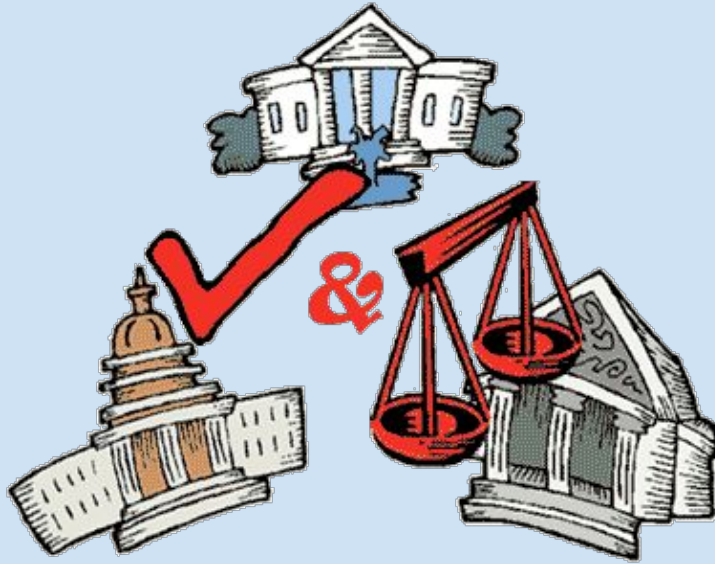


separation of powers

the structure of the federal government that sets up three branches with their own distinct powers and responsibilities



checks and balances



the ability of each branch of government to limit the power of the other branches

individual rights



rights guaranteed or
belonging to a person

rule of law



the idea that those who govern must also follow the same laws as everyone; no one is above the law

due process

the idea that people accused of a crime still have individual rights, that the process of weighing their accused crimes must take place fairly, following an established standard, before they can lose either their life or freedom



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