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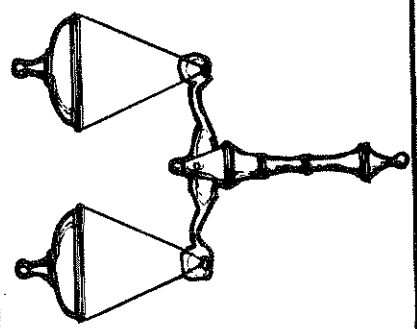
The Constitution created a strong government that united all the states. It also created a system of *checks and balances* to keep the three federal branches of government from becoming too powerful.

1. Each box contains one of the three branches of the federal government. Research to find the answers for each box.

<b>Executive Branch</b> <b>President</b>
List three duties of the president:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. The system of checks is represented by the white and shaded arrows going to and coming from each box. Research how each branch checks up on the other branches. Write your findings inside the arrows.

<b>Judicial Branch</b> <b>Supreme Court And Federal Courts</b>
What is the job of the Supreme Court?
_____
_____
_____



<b>Legislative Branch</b> <b>Congress</b>
List three duties of Congress:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

**Bonus Box:** On the back of this page, explain why you think the founding fathers were wise to include a system of checks and balances in the Constitution.