

The political system of the United States

Task:

Read the text in your book on p. 122. Fill in the gaps in the text, by using the words below.



Fig. 1

Senate -President (2x)– judicial- Constitution – judges/justices (2x) – executive – elected – eight – balances - Representatives- Commander - republic- Congress- legislative – Court – life - chambers

The US has a written _____ and has been a _____ headed by a _____ since 1790. The US has a _____ branch consisting of two _____ of Congress: the _____ and the House of _____, which can pass and veto laws.

The _____ branch is represented at its highest level by the Supreme _____, which consists of nine _____, each of whom is nominated by the _____ and has to be approved by _____. By far the most influential member of the _____ branch is the US President.

The President is the _____-in-Chief of the nation's armed forces and appoints the highest _____.

The President is not in office for _____ but is _____ for a maximum of two terms, i.e. for _____ years.

Abuse of power by any one branch of government in the US is prevented by its system of checks and _____.