**THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT**

**Part A: Chart.** Read the “Anatomy of the Constitution” PDF. Then use the reading to help you fill out the blanks in the chart below that cover the three branches of government.

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|  | **LEGISLATIVE** | **EXECUTIVE** | **JUDICIAL** |
| What Article of the Constitution sets up the branch? | Article I | Article II | Article III |
| What is the main job or purpose of this branch? | Makes the laws | Execute or enforce the laws | Interpret or study the laws |
| What people make up this branch? | Senate and the House of Representatives | President, Vice President, and the Cabinet | Supreme Court, other courts, judges |
| How do these people get their jobs? | Elected by the people | Elected by the Electoral College | Appointed by the President |
| What qualifications do they need? | Senate:  30 years old, a citizen for 9 years, live in the state they represent  House of Representatives:  25 years old, a citizen for 7 years, live in the state they represent | 35 years old  Natural-born citizen  Lived in the US for 14 years | None! |

**Part B: Matching.** Match the jobs of government to which branch will carry out that job. Write “L” for legislative, “E” for executive, and “J” for judicial in the empty boxes. Use the “Anatomy of the Constitution” reading to help you. There will be 7 Ls, 6 Es, and 2 Js.

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| **BRANCH** | **JOB** |
| Legislative | 1) Prints money |
| E | 2) Enforces the law |
| J | 3) Decides what a law means |
| L | 4) Declares war |
| E | 5) Includes the president, vice president, and the cabinet |
| L | 6) Divided into the House and Senate |
| L | 7) Punishes pirates! (“Yarrr!”) |
| E | 8) Makes treaties with other countries |
| J | 9) Can declare laws unconstitutional |
| E | 10) Selected by the Electoral College |
| L | 11) Selected by popular vote (the people!) |
| E | 12) Appoints Supreme Court justices, federal judges, ambassadors, and cabinet members |
| L | 13) Approves presidential appointments |
| E | 14) Makes a State of the Union address each year |
| L | 15) Collects taxes |

**Part C: Analysis.** Use the “Anatomy of the Constitution” reading and your own thought to answer the following questions.

1) Why is Article I (the legislative branch) the longest part of the Constitution? [p. 1]

2) What is a representative democracy? [p. 1]

3) Which branch do you think is the most important one, and why?