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US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS #3 SEPARATION OF POWERS AND CHECKS AND BALANCES

Directions: While watching the video, fill in the blanks.

powers	congress	government	judiciary	executive
senators	president	unconstitutional	citizens	legislature

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- ☐ 8. The judiciary checks the legislature by declaring its laws _____.
- ☐ 9. The powers of the national government are separated, and each branch are able to check others because this makes it more difficult for the government to act in ways that harm the acts and interests of the _____.
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Directions: Write one thing you think you know about the topic.

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Answer Key

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