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Checks & Balances

The Checks and Balances System: A Worksheet

Various governmental powers are listed below. Identify the branch doing the checking and the branch being checked. More than one answer is possible per section.

Power	Which Branch Has The Power?	Which Branch's Power is Being Checked? <small>(Could be more than one)</small>
1) Create and pass legislation. Laws	Legislative	Executive
2) Veto bills.	Executive	Legislative
3) Ratify treaties. Senate	Legislative	Executive
4) Appoint Federal judges.	Executive	Judicial
5) Impeachment of federal officials. HOC	Legislative	Executive Judicial
6) Confirm the appointment of presidential appointments.	Legislative	Executive Judicial
7) Declare laws unconstitutional.	Judicial	Legislative Executive
8) Override Presidential Vetoes.	Legislative	Executive
9) Judges are appointed for life.	Judicial	Legislative Executive
10) Controls appropriations of money.	Legislative	Executive

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