

The Constitution of the United States requires our government to be divided into three branches: the executive branch, the legislative branch and the judicial branch. Each branch of government has a specific role in the function of our government.

What do you already know about our government?

Before you begin, Copy/paste this K-W-L chart in your submission below. In the "K" column write down what you **know** about government. In the second column (Want to know), write 2-3 questions that you have about our government.



K	W	L
(Write what youKnow.)	(Write what you Wantto know.)	(Write what youLearned.)

As you read the following article, think about these essential questions:

1. How is our government organized?
2. Why did the framers of our Constitution decide to create a government that shares powers?

[Click here to read the article.](#)

After reading the article, go back to the K-W-L chart in your notebook. Write down three or more important facts or ideas about government that you learned from the article.