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2.02 Powers Essay

In this lesson, you have learned about the different responsibilities of the three branches of the U.S. government. Write an essay that demonstrates what you have learned and what you think about it.

* **Choose** one of the topics below and **write** an essay.
* **Organize** your response so that it includes at least three supporting details that you have learned from the reading passage, video, and other materials in this lesson.
* **Use** at least three bold terms from the lesson as part of your supporting details.

**Essay Topics**

1. Describe the responsibilities of each branch, and give one example of what each branch does.
2. Think about some of the main jobs of the U.S. government. Select two jobs and explain for each one: (1) whose responsibility it is to do the job, and (2) who provides the checks and balances.
3. Explain why you think checks and balances are an important part of how the U.S. government works. Give an example of where you think this shared power is important.

Complete the essay in the space below. Use as much room as necessary.

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