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3.04 Powers Essay

Total Points: 35

I**n 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. You will be graded according to the 3.04 Powers Essay Rubric (linked on the Task page).**

* 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 materials in this lesson.
* You may also do your own research! If you use additional resources, be sure to cite them in MLA format (instructions linked on the Task page).

**Essay Topics:**

1. List the three branches of the U.S. government. Describe the responsibilities of each branch and give one example of what each branch does.
2. Make a list of some of the main jobs of the U.S. government. Select two jobs from your list 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.

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| *Write your essay below:* |
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