

Democracy for Brownies

Three Branches of Government

The United States government—and the government for all of the states—is broken into three parts, or branches. The government is divided in this way to make sure that power is shared, so no part has too much.



The **legislative** branch
makes laws.



The **executive** branch
makes sure the law is
carried out.



The **judicial** branch decides
what the law means if there
are questions.