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constitution

a written document that describes a set of basic laws by which a nation, state or organization is governed

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executive branch

the division of the government that carries out the laws

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legislative branch

the division of the government that determines and produces laws

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judicial branch

the division of the government that is made up of judges and courts

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amendments

an official change made to a bill, law or other document

laws

a set of rules that people in a society must follow

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elect

to choose by means of voting

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checks and balances

a system in which the different parts of a government have powers that affect and control the other parts so that no part can become too powerful

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justices

a judge in a court of law

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democracy

a form of government in which people choose leaders by voting