

Checks and Balances

Using Articles I-III of the Constitution and the chart provided, decide which branch of government can exert some control over another branch. Beside each “check” write the appropriate letter for who is applying the check over whom. Use “E” for executive, “J” for judicial, and “L” for legislative.

1. Appoint judges _____ over _____
2. Call special sessions _____ over _____
3. Confirm appointments _____ over _____
4. Control appropriations _____ over _____
5. Declare a law unconstitutional _____ over _____
6. Declare war _____ over _____
7. Draw articles of impeachment _____ over _____
8. Grant pardon or reprieve _____ over _____
9. Interpret laws _____ over _____
10. Override veto _____ over _____
11. Propose an amendment _____ over _____
12. Ratify treaties _____ over _____
13. Remove judges from office _____ over _____
14. Replace some existing courts _____ over _____
15. Serve term for life _____ over _____
16. Veto bills _____ over _____
17. Declare the President’s actions
unconstitutional _____ over _____