Branches of Government

Appoints Justices to the court.

Legislative Branch

Headed by the Congress

Article I

Judicial Branch

Headed by the Supreme Court Article III

Responsibilities:

- 1. Interprets the Constitution
- 2. Reviews laws and treaties

Job Qualifications:

- Appointed by the President and approved by the Senate
- Serves for life

Can declare a law unconstitutional.

Can pass a

obey.

constitutional

amendment that

the courts must

Responsibilities:

- 1. Makes the laws
- 2. Controls the national budget
- 3. Declares war
- 4. Regulates interstate and foreign trade
- 5. The House can impeach and the Senate can remove the president and other officials
- 6. The Senate approves or rejects treaties and presidential appointments

Job Qualifications, House:

- Must be at least 25 years old
- Citizen of the U.S. for 7 years
- Resident of the state they serve
- Serve a 2 year term

Job Qualifications, Senate:

- Must be at least 30 years old
- Citizen of the U.S. for 9 years
- Resident of the state they serve

Executive Branch

Headed by the President Article II

Can veto a bill.

Can override a

veto with a 2/3

vote in each

house.

- **Responsibilities:** 1. Enforces the laws
- 2. Makes treaties
- 3. Can propose laws
- 4. Commands the armed forces
- 5. Appoints judges, ambassadors, and other officials

Job Qualifications:

- Must be at least 35 years old
- Citizen of the U.S. by birth
- Resident of the U.S. for 14 years
- Serves up to two 4 year terms

Serve a 6 year term

Can declare a presidential action unconstitutional.