

## **Checks and Balances**

1. Identify the main role of each branch:

- a. Legislative (make laws)
- b. Executive (enforce laws)
- c. Judicial (interpret laws)

2. Name a check that each branch has over the others:

- a. Legislative check over executive  
(override veto, refuses treaties, refuses appointments, impeaches/removes President)
- b. Legislative check over judicial  
(propose amendments, impeach/remove judges, establish # judges, establish courts)
- c. Executive check over legislative  
(veto bills, call special sessions of Congress, controls appointments)
- d. Executive check over judicial  
(appoints federal judges, pardon or reprieves federal offenders)
- e. Judicial check over legislative  
(declare laws unconstitutional)
- f. Judicial check over executive  
(declare laws or acts of executive branch unconstitutional)

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Study the diagram below, and use it to answer the questions about checks and balances within the government.

