The U.S. Constitution Created The Three Branches of Government

**Legislative Branch**
- **Who?**
  - House of Representatives
  - Senate
- **Powers?**
  - Makes the laws
  - Approves appointments of the President
  - Overrides a veto with 2/3 vote
  - Impeaches a President

**Executive Branch**
- **Who?**
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Cabinet
- **Powers?**
  - Enforces the laws
  - Appoints federal judges and Cabinet officers
  - Vetoes acts of Congress
  - Commands the Armed Forces

**Judicial Branch**
- **Who?**
  - Supreme Court
  - Justices
- **Powers?**
  - Decides meaning of laws
  - Declares laws unconstitutional
  - Declares Executive acts unconstitutional
### Sample Sentences
from Introductory Venn Diagram comparing Teacher and Principal

#### Alike:
- **Both** my teacher and my principal help students.
- My teacher helps students, **and so** does my principal.

#### Different:
- My principal works in the summer, **but** my teacher takes a vacation.
- My principal works in the summer; **however**, my teacher takes a vacation.

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Complete the Venn diagram showing how two branches of the government are alike and different. Use your graphic organizer for ideas.
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**Comparison/Contrast Sentences**

*Use the ideas from your Venn diagram to write comparison/contrast sentences about two branches of government.*

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