



Sixth Grade Civics Class Inquiry-Based Assessment Questions

Theme: Foundations of Government, Function of Government

Standards covered: 6.6, 6.14

American government has power split among three branches of government. Why was it important to have the powers distributed in this fashion?

- What are the branches of government and what are their powers and limitations?
- Is one branch of government more powerful than the others? Is one branch of government weaker than the others? Why?

Sample Follow Up Questions

- There are nearly 1,770 federal judges. There are 535 Senators and Representatives. There is 1 president. Do you think the number of people in each branch affects how their power is viewed or utilized? Why?
- Are there powers the branches share? If so, what? Is this important that they overlap powers?
- Should the president have to come before congress to explain his or her actions? Why or why not?