

American Government In-Class Activity

Name: _____

Checks and Balances

Directions: You will be assigned one of the governmental checks and balances to research and prepare a short presentation on. For the check you will need to answer the questions below about the power.

Questions to be answered:

- Which branch has the ability to exercise this power?
- Which branch(es) are they able to use this power to check?
- How does this power limit the power of the other branch(es) (Should also explain the power)
- Why is this check in place?

Powers:

- Power of the Purse
- Approval of Presidential Appointees and Treaties
- Presidential Appointments
- Power to Declare War
- Congressional Oversight
- Impeachment
- Judicial Review
- Presidential Veto
- Executive Enforcement
- Override of Presidential Veto
- Judicial Independence/Lifetime terms

Scoring

Score ____/10

Presentation time (2min) ____/2

Answering ALL questions ____/6 (see explanation below)

Using research time well ____2

6pts – Answering all questions correctly

4.5pts – Answering $\frac{3}{4}$ of the questions correctly

3pts – Answering $\frac{1}{2}$ of the questions correctly

1.5pts – Answering $\frac{1}{4}$ of the questions correctly

0pts – Not answering any of the questions correctly

Credible Sources:

- http://www.usconstitution.net/constop_cnb.html
- http://americanhistory.about.com/od/usconstitution/a/checks_balances.htm
- Mostly Textbook