

## Checks and Balances

Identify the branch of government that “checks” the following actions and what power allows them to prevent the action.

1. The president negotiates a treaty to give Russia all of the United States’ military bases in Europe.
2. Congress passes a bill that prohibits men under 21 from driving on all federal highways.
3. The president signs a law stating that government representatives must approve all newspaper articles and editorials. Then the government can be sure only information that it agrees with can be printed.
4. A judge receives a bribe from the South Carolina legislature. In exchange, he promises to settle a border dispute between North and South Dakota in favor of South Dakota.
5. The president orders military forces to invade a foreign country that has done nothing against the United States.
6. The president vetoes a popular bill that provides funds to improve unhealthy and unsafe classrooms.
7. The president nominates a close personal friend who has been convicted of fraud to be a Supreme Court justice.
8. The Supreme Court declares unconstitutional a law requiring a moment of silent prayer in schools.
9. An elderly scientist, who contributed much to our understanding of nuclear power, is sentenced to life in prison for violating federal security laws.
10. Angry at opponents, the president orders the Federal Bureau of Investigation to do special reviews (audits) on their tax returns.