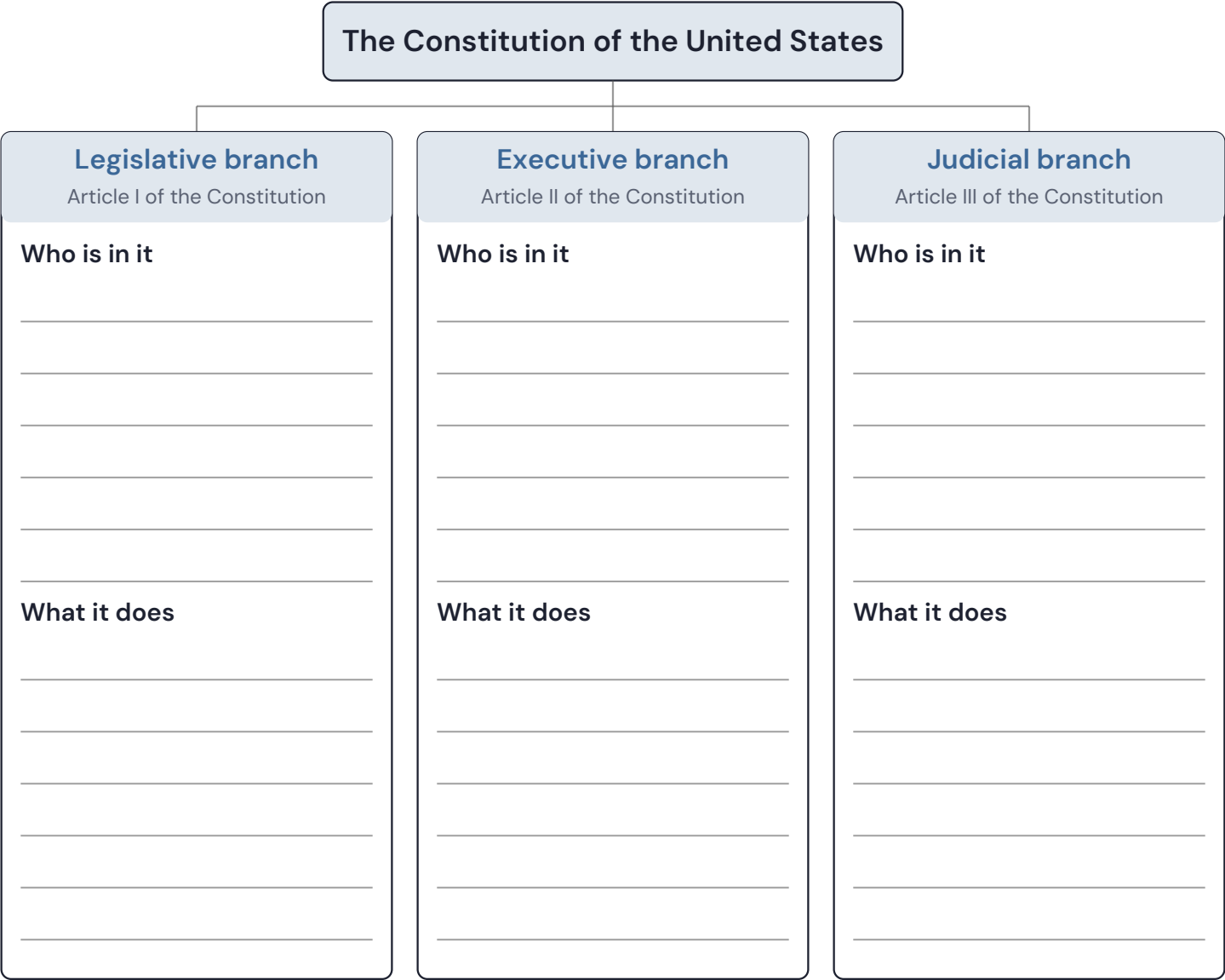


The three branches of government

Write who is in each branch and what it does. The word bank has the answers.

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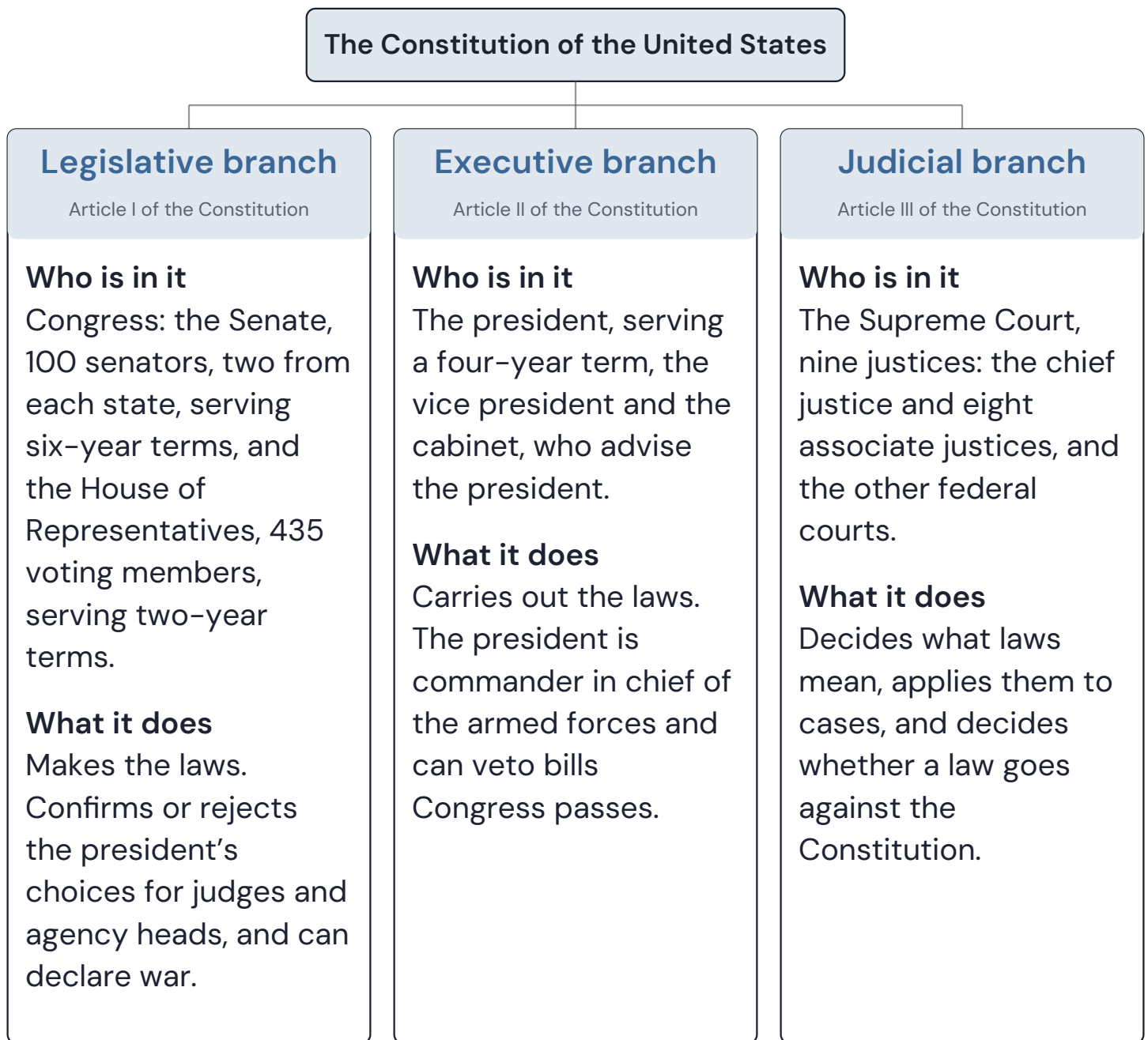


Word bank		
Carries out the laws	Congress	Decides what laws mean
Makes the laws	The Supreme Court	The president

Checks and balances: write one way a branch can stop another

The three branches of government: answer key

The Constitution divides the federal government into three branches, so no one person or group has too much power.



Checks and balances: how each branch can stop the others

- The president can veto a bill Congress passes.
- Congress can pass a bill over a veto with a two-thirds vote in each house.
- The Senate confirms or rejects the president's choices for judges and agency heads.
- The House can impeach a president, and the Senate can then remove the president from office.
- The Supreme Court can overturn a law that goes against the Constitution.