

Title: **Branches of US Government**

Curriculum Objective	Students will demonstrate knowledge about the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government
Targeted Critical Skills	Quality
Grade Level and Subject	3-4 Split Social Studies
Grouping and Rational	Group size will be 3 or 4 kids. They will be mixed based on grade level, ability, and strengths. I will have 2 groups for each branch.
Time of Year	Fall
Length	Four 50 minute periods
Scenario	<p>To: Special Knowledge Presentation Team From: Secret Agent Smith RE: Brain Sucking Aliens</p> <p>Dear Special Knowledge Presentation Team,</p> <p>What I am about to tell you is TOP SECRET!</p> <p>Two nights ago a ship of knowledge seeking aliens landed in Washington D.C. The aliens went to every member of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government and sucked the memories right out of their brains! As of right now, none of the government officials know anything about their jobs!</p> <p>Your mission, should you choose to accept, is to create a presentation that restores the officials memories. I have to warn you that many of these people are very old and kind of cranky so your presentation needs to be more than just telling them the facts. They will need to be tricked into learning this information so you may want to sing them a song, show them a skit, make them a board game, or whatever you think would be fun.</p> <p>This is a highly secretive and important mission that needs to be of the highest quality. In order for us to call you mission successful your presentation and materials must show evidence of careful work and more than one draft. We will not accept a presentation that was not well thought out!</p> <p>MISSION OBJECTIVES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a presentation that tells the officials at least seven important facts about their jobs• Presentation tricks people into learning by being fun and

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Sincerely,

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Challenge

**Critical Skills
Assessment**

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How Did We Do?

Group Members: _____



- Identified at least 7 important facts.
- Your presentation showed obvious rehearsal and preparation.
- Presentation kept audience involved.
- All members of the group participated in your presentation.
- Your presentation was unique. (It was not just a list of facts)

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