

## **Democracy for Brownies**



#### **ACTIVITIES**

- Find out about our country's Legislative Branch
- 2. Find out about our country's Judicial Branch
- 3. Find out about our country's Executive Branch

When I have earned this badge, I will know the three branches of government, and some of the things they are responsible for.

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# Welcome to the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, Girl Scout Brownie!

To earn your Democracy for Brownies badge, you will need to complete the three activities listed on this worksheet with the help of an adult. Good luck and have fun!



# Find out about our country's Legislative Branch

Congress is the Legislative Branch of the Federal Government. To legislate means to make laws. There are two parts of Congress: The House of Representatives and the Senate. Congress meets in the United States Capitol.

#### The Senate

The Senate can approve treaties, presidential appointees, conduct impeachment trials, and confirm judges.



# House of Representatives

Responsible for taxes, making money, tariffs, and trade, maintaining our military, the Post Office, patents, declaring war, articles of impeachment, and proposing constitutional amendments.



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## Find out about our country's **Judicial Branch**

The Judicial Branch of the Federal Government is made up of courts and judges. Their job is to interpret laws. The Supreme Court, which is sometimes called "The Highest Court in the Land," is made up of nine people called justices.

## **Unleash Your Inner Explorer!** Find the items below throughout the library



**President Nixon's Helicopter** 



**Apollo 11 Astronauts** 



California Grizzly Bear



The Nixon Family Dog **King Timahoe** 





### Find out about our country's Executive Branch

The head of the Executive Branch is the President. Starting at age 18, American citizens can vote for President every four years. The President can be a man or a woman.

A person can be President if:

- They are born a citizen of the United States of America
- They are at least 35 years old
- They have lived in the United States for at least 14 years

#### **Visit the Oval Office!**



The President of the United States lives in the White House. The White House is located in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C.! The Oval Office is where the President conducts official business. Visit the Oval Office replica in the Museum. What official business would you conduct on your first day in office?

First Lady Pat Nixon support for the Girl Scouts began well before the White House with her daughters, Julie and Tricia's, participation as active Girl Scouts. Pat served as their troop leader and Honorary National President of the Girl Scouts of America. Pat welcomed many Girl Scouts into the White House!

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