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Checks and Balances Worksheet

Answer the questions about checks and balances. Use Legislative, Executive, or Judicial on the space provided to answer what branch of the U.S. government can check the other two branches.

1. _____ can veto a law passed by Congress.
2. _____ can declare laws unconstitutional.
3. _____ appoints judges to the Supreme Court.
4. _____ can override a presidential veto with a 2/3 majority vote.
5. _____ can reject presidential appointments.
6. _____ may adjourn Congress in certain situations.
7. _____ may declare executive actions unconstitutional.
8. _____ may reject treaties.
9. _____ may propose constitutional amendments to overrule judicial decisions.
10. _____ may impeach the president.
11. _____ may withhold funding for presidential initiatives.
12. _____ may impeach Supreme Court justices.

In one paragraph (5-7 sentences) please describe why checks and balances are so important for a government to work for the people. You can start your paragraph with the question: Why are checks and balances important for our democracy?