

Branches of Government Paper Rubric

70 possible

Content 60 Percent	<i>Points Earned XX40</i>	Additional Comments:
<p>All key elements of the assignment are covered in a substantive way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper is 1,750 to 2,100 words in length. • Paper focuses on the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What were the reasons our forefathers divided the government into the legislative, judicial, and presidential branches? ○ How are the three branches of U.S. Government supposed to interact? ○ Is the system successful? Why or why not? ○ Are the branches balanced in power? Why or why not? ○ How was the conflict between supporters of a strong federal government and champions of states' rights characterized then, as opposed to now? ○ How could things have been designed more efficiently, if at all? 		
The content is comprehensive, accurate, and /or persuasive.		
<p>Major points are stated clearly and are supported by specific details, examples, or analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper utilizes at least five outside resources. 		
Organization / Development 20 Percent	<i>Points Earned XX/20</i>	Additional Comments:
The paper develops a central theme or idea, directed toward the appropriate audience.		
The introduction provides sufficient background on the topic and previews major points.		
The conclusion is logical, flows from the body of the paper, and reviews the major points.		
Transitions between sentences, paragraphs, and sections aid in maintaining the flow of thought.		
The tone is appropriate to the content and assignment.		
Mechanics 20 Percent	<i>Points Earned XX10</i>	Additional Comments:
The paper follows APA guidelines for format.		
Citations follow APA guidelines.		
The paper is laid out with effective use of headings, font styles, and white space.		
Rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed.		
Sentences are complete, clear, concise, and varied.		
Spelling is correct.		
Total 100 Percent	<i>Points Earned</i>	Additional Comments: