

The executive branch consists of the President, Vice President, and the federal bureaucracy.

## United States Court System

### Supreme court

Nine justices, no jury

Hears appeals from lower federal courts and highest state court

Has limited original jurisdiction

### United States Court of Appeals

Judges, no jury

Hears appeals from United States district courts and certain other federal courts and commissions

### United States District Court

Judge and jury

Tries cases involving federal crimes and federal civil proceedings

Does not hear appeals

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the organization and powers of the national government by  
a) examining the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.