



Lesson Plan: *Balancing Act*

Student Handouts:

WRITING PROMPTS

Writing Prompt – Friendly letter to inform

Your class is pen pals with a class from England. They are discussing historical facts about government leadership in other countries and comparing them to their own country. They have asked us to write a summary explaining the role of the office of President, Congress, and Supreme Court in our country and how they work. They will take that information and compare it to their government. Make sure you are clear in your comparison of each branch, and how they interact together.

Writing prompt – Persuasive Essay

A new student has arrived from a South American country. Your class has just finished studying the three branches of the government of the United States. They explained that their country also had a president, but no one else made decisions, and few citizens could or would vote. Their citizens seem to be happy with that. You are to write a persuasive essay to explain the importance of the checks and balances that a three-branch government gives our country and its people. Please include why that system could be beneficial to other countries if they ran their government in a similar manner.