**American Government**

3 Branches of Government:

**Executive**: Consists of: President, president’s advisers, and the people the president appoints to work in government agencies

Some of the Presidents Jobs include

\*Commander in Chief of Armed Forces

\* Appoints ambassadors to represent the US in other countries

\* Prepares the budget

**Legislative**: Consists of: the Senate and House of Representatives

\*Only members of the House can introduce bills about raising money through taxes

**Judicial**: Consists of: Supreme Court, 13 circuit courts and 94 district courts

\*The Supreme Court has the power to strike down any law that goes against the Constitution

State and Federal Governments are similar because they each have 3 separate braches.

United States has a Representative Democracy which gives more people he right to vote

**Federal Government**: signs treaties with other countries, run post offices, and can create and support armies

**State Government**: over sees public schools and state colleges and universities, maintains state highways and issues driver licenses

**Local Government**: speed limits and trash collection

How do you feel about the Electoral College?