

Balance of Power

Ohio's government is separated into three independent branches. Each branch has the ability to limit the power of the other two. Elementary students will have a chance to "balance" the government with the interactive Balance of Power exhibit.

PRE-TOUR ACTIVITIES:

THIS ACTIVITY IS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS.

- Review the three branches of government and their functions at the local, state and federal levels.
- Give examples of positions of work in each branch.
- Discuss how individuals come to hold positions in each branch, whether by election, appointment or some other manner.
- Give examples of how one branch of government keeps another in check, such as the courts' authority to rule laws unconstitutional.

POST-TOUR ACTIVITIES

- Compare our system of government with others around the world.

