



## TITLE: Government Tower Stack

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**Grade band:** 3-5

**Subject:** The Three Branches of Government

**Topic:** We The People

### Introduction

Welcome to our interactive Jenga game, where we'll not only test our stacking skills but also explore the fascinating world of government! We'll take turns answering questions about the three branches of government: the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches, Voting Rights, and being a good citizen.

You will pick the color coded block and answer a question based on that color and related to one of the topics mentioned above. For example, you might be asked: 'Who is the head of the Executive Branch?' or 'What is the main role of the Legislative Branch?' For every question you get correct, you get to remove a block and help build that tower.

As we play, we'll learn about the roles and responsibilities of each branch, how they interact with one another, and the importance of balance and cooperation in our democratic system. So let's get stacking and exploring the world of government together!"

### Purpose

This game aims to offer an engaging and interactive way for players to delve into the workings of the three branches of government, all while relishing the challenge of Jenga. By intertwining questions about the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches into gameplay, participants will embark on a journey to deepen their comprehension of our governmental system and the unique roles each branch fulfills in safeguarding democracy. Through active participation and insightful discussions, players will not only grasp the vital concept of checks and balances but also recognize the significance of civic engagement and an informed electorate. Ultimately, this game strives to transform the process of learning about government into an enjoyable, accessible, and unforgettable experience for individuals of all ages. Can be played one on one- or groups to support thinking collaboratively.

<b>Materials</b>	<p>You can also play this game as you are learning- incorporating the different color coded cards as you go through the branches. (Colors not used – the opponent will pick which card they player must answer. )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Color Coded Jenga Tower</li> <li>● Questions</li> <li>● Dice to see who goes first</li> </ul>
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## Instructions

**Objective:** The game is won by the player or team with the most question cards answered correctly before the tower falls.

**Setup:**

1. Players should prepare to play individually or in groups of 2 to 3.
2. Each player or group rolls the dice to determine the starting player. In case of a tie, re-roll until a clear order is established.

**Gameplay:**

1. On a player's turn, they choose a color block they wish to remove from the Jenga tower. Then, they must select a corresponding color card from the deck.
2. The player reads the question aloud and has a moment to answer. In group play, players can confer with their team members for support.
3. If the answer is correct, the player gets to carefully pull the chosen block from the tower. If the answer is incorrect, the opposing team or player has the opportunity to answer. Whoever answers correctly keeps the card and claims the block.
4. Continue taking turns and answering questions until the tower inevitably falls.

**Winning:** At the end of the game, the player or team with the most collected question cards wins.

## Activity Materials & Answer Keys

- There are 6 answer packs for each question - you can print the answers on the back of the questions back to back or print separately and laminate then staple answers facing the same direction so no one sees it before they answer.
  - Voting Rights
  - Legislative Branch
  - Judicial Branch
  - Executive Branch
  - Good Citizenship
  - Constitutional Amendments
- The Colored Jenga can be purchased from [Amazon](#) for approx. \$15
- You can use dice or cut up squares 1-6 and students can pick a number.