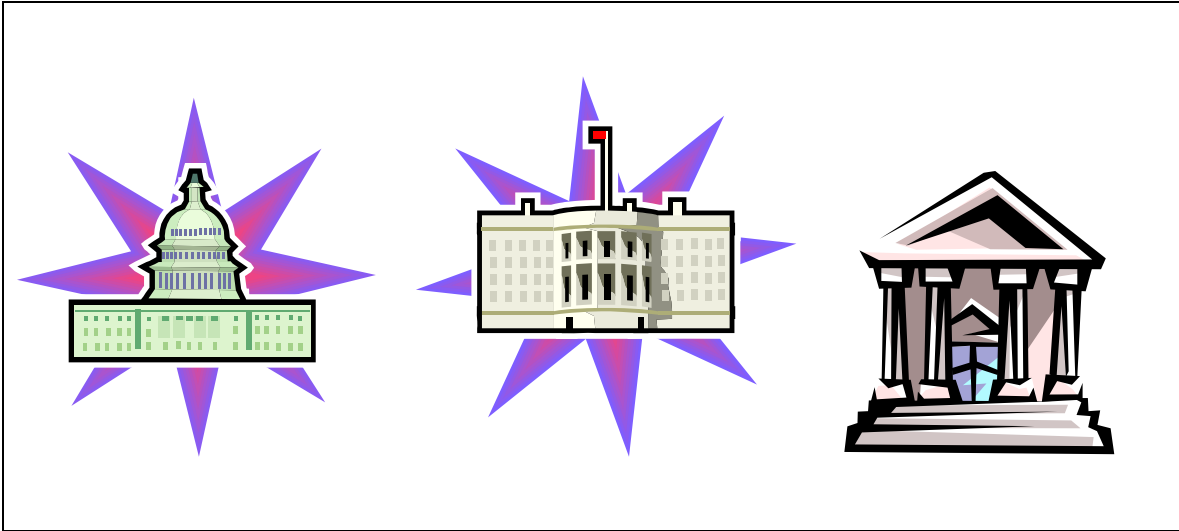


Benchmark: Civics 1



Brief Constructed Response Prompt: How might our federal government be different if one branch had more power than the other two? Use an example to support your answer.

Possible Response(s): Students may offer a variety of plausible responses.

Identifies a shift in the balance of power. Student may suggest that such a “structure” would be a greater threat to individual liberties as the ability of the other two branches to check the third would diminish.

Rubric

- 2** = This response gives a valid explanation with an accurate and relevant example.
- 1** = This response gives a valid explanation with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no example.
- 0** = inaccurate or no response