CHECKS AND BALANCES WORKSHEET

Directions: Identify the correct branch of government and write it in the space below.

1. The President vetoes an Energy bill passed by the House and Senate because it does not allow for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

This is an example of the ______________________ branch checking the ______________________ branch.

2. Congress impeaches a Supreme Court Justice for committing tax fraud.

This is an example of the _________________ branch checking the ______________________ branch.

3. The U.S. Supreme Court rules that President Grover’s executive act is unconstitutional.

This is an example of the _________________ branch checking the ______________________ branch.

4. The Senate rejects the President’s appointment, Judge Smith, to the Supreme Court because of her anti-environmental views.

This is an example of the _________________ branch checking the ______________________ branch.

5. The President calls a special session of Congress, requiring all the members to return to Washington, D.C. from their July recess.

This is an example of the _________________ branch checking the ______________________ branch.
6. The House and Senate override the President’s veto of an education bill with a two-thirds vote.

This is an example of the ______________________ branch checking the ______________________ branch.

7. The U.S. Supreme Court rules that a federal law is unconstitutional because it violates Americans’ first amendment rights.

This is an example of the ______________________ branch checking the ______________________ branch.

8. Congress impeaches the President for speeding through the streets of Washington in his limo at 100 miles an hour just for fun. The reckless driving kills several citizens.

This is an example of the ______________________ branch checking the ______________________ branch.

9. The Senate rejects the President’s appointment for Secretary of Labor because he does not believe in the minimum wage.

This is an example of the ______________________ branch checking the ______________________ branch.

10. In 2013, Congress rejects the President’s spending proposal and the federal government is temporarily shutdown as a result.

This is an example of the ______________________ branch checking the ______________________ branch.