



The French Constitution of 1791

Executive branch:

Legislative branch:

Judicial branch:



King

Ministers

**Administration
of the 83 departments
and of the communes**

Army

National Assembly
passes the laws

Electors
(one for 100 voters)

Active citizens

(timocratic suffrage: only citizens who pay a certain amount of taxes are allowed to vote)

Passive Citizens

(all men without any property)

Citizens without any participation in politics

(all women + all men under the age of 25)

High Court

Lower Courts

Court of Appeal



veto
controls

appoints
commands

controls

controls

elect every 2 years

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appoints

controls

pass on verdicts

Task 1: Explain what each institution (i.e. the king, the National Assembly etc.) was allowed to do.
Task 2: With a partner, discuss which institution was able to exercise most power.

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