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NYS Branches of Government Notes

The Executive Branch

What are three requirements that you must meet if you would like to be governor?

- Over age 30
- U.S. Citizen
- Lived in NY for at least 5 years

What are some jobs the governor does?

- Oversees departments
- Working up the state budget

The Legislative Branch

The legislative branch is said to be "**bicameral**". What does that mean?

- Two houses

What are the two houses that make up the legislative branch of government?

1. Senate
2. Assembly

What is the duty of a legislator of NY?

To represent the people of New York and pass laws.

What do we call the system that makes sure that not one branch of state government becomes too powerful?

Checks and Balances

The Judicial Branch

What are two kinds of court cases handled by the courts?

1. civil
2. criminal

What is it called when people involved in a dispute come to explain their side in a story and have a decision made?

A trial

If someone who goes through the court system is unhappy with their verdict, they might take their case to appellate court

About how many cases do New York courts hear per year?

4 million