

SepofPow-US-MS: Separation of Powers - MS

Essay Prompt:

Why did the founders create a government built on the separation of powers?

Would you want to live in the United States if it was based on tyranny? Our country would be in chaos and destruction. Only the rich and the president would be able to survive but the rest would have to suffer and would eventually become bankrupt because of taxes and bills which is unfair. To avoid from any of this happening, the founding fathers created the separation of powers and a system called checks and balances. Before they separated the powers, they had The Articles of Confederation and they were too weak so they created the Constitution which made the government very strong. Then the founding fathers created separation of powers so that one branch couldn't have too much power so it could prevent tyranny. They also created checks and balances so that the branches could check on each other and so certain laws wouldn't be passed through. The founding fathers created the government built on the separation of powers because it Prevents Tyranny and Provides a system of Checks and Balances.

The Founding Fathers created a government built on the Separation of Powers because they wanted to prevent tyranny and create a system of checks and balances. Consider the following from Doc A, it says "When the legislative and executive powers are united in the same person, or in the same body of magistrates, there can be no liberty; because apprehensions [worries] may arise, lest the same monarch or senate should enact tyrannical laws, to execute them in a tyrannical Manner." This shows that the powers were united in the same person and that there could be unfair laws because they wanted to prevent what happened with Great Britain which was tyranny. This quote demonstrates that the powers were united in the same person and that there could be unfair laws. Another piece of evidence that supports my claim from Doc D, it states that the branches keep each other in check so one doesn't have too much power or so that some laws are passed through. For example, The legislative branch makes laws, but the President in the executive branch can veto these laws with a Presidential veto. The legislative branch makes laws, but the judicial branch can declare those laws unconstitutional. This evidence demonstrates that the founding fathers created a system of checks and balances so that the branches can check on each other so one doesn't have too much power or that some laws don't get passed through.

In conclusion, the founding fathers created the government built on the separation of powers because it Prevents Tyranny and Provides a system of Checks and Balances. They built a government build on the separation of powers because they didn't want one branch to have too much power because it can lead to tyranny. They built a government on checks and balances so that the branches can check up on each other and so that some laws are not passed through. This matters because if they never created this, the government would be in complete chaos and we would live in a country based off of tyranny and too much power.

Score Details

Writing Mechanics	0-1 Points	1.00
Historical Thinking Skill: Causation	0-2 Points	1.00
Historical Thinking Evidence: Contextualization	0-1 Points	1.00
Grader Comment: clear context provided in the introduction.		
Outside Evidence	0-1 Points	0.00
Grader Comment: No use of outside evidence in body/conclusion.		
Textual Evidence	0-2 Points	2.00
Grader Comment: Cites document A and D correctly in support of argument/claim.		
Purpose	0-2 Points	2.00
Grader Comment: Student makes a clear argument and maintains it throughout essay using concrete reasoning and is supported by evidence.		
Thesis	0-1 Points	1.00
Total Score		8.00