3 Branches of Government

Today your task will be to create a metaphor poster that completes this comparison:

*“The three branches of government under the Constitution are like a…”*

Once you decide upon an analogy, you will design and create an illustration for your metaphor, complete with a brief written explanation of why the metaphor is accurate.  Each group’s metaphor must have the features listed below. . .

* **Title.**  At the top of your poster, you must have a title, written clearly and in large letters, that reads, “The three branches of government under the Constitution are like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* **Visual Image.**  Create a central image for the metaphor.  The image should be bold and artistic.  It can involve drawing, cut-out magazine pictures, or both.  For each of the required items, create a visual or part of a visual that represents each item.  Be sure they are labeled and that they fit in with the theme of the metaphor.
* **Labels.**  The metaphor must make direct comparisons between the three branches of government and the metaphor.  In doing so, you must label on their metaphor the 10 required items listed below. They include:
  + Required: Constitution, The People, Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch, President, Congress, The Supreme Court, Checks and Balances, Separation of Powers.
    - For example, if a student chooses the metaphor of a three-ring circus, he/she might label each of the three rings the Legislative, Executive, or Judicial branch.  Or, if they chose the metaphor of a football team, they might label the quarterback as the President.
  + **Explanation.**  Alongside or below the image, students should write the word “because,” followed by a list of the three most important similarities between the thing they illustrated and the three branches of government.
* **Extras.**  The metaphor should be neat, colorful, and creative.