

Handout C: Montesquieu and Madison Venn Diagram

Madison	Both	Montesquieu
There should be three branches of government.		
Branches should be separate and distinct. Their powers should not be united, but they will overlap in many cases.		
The legislature can hold impeachment hearings on judiciary and executive officers.	The legislature should consist of two parts or houses.	The legislature does not have the power to impeach or remove the executive.
	The legislature is directly or indirectly elected by the people.	The legislature should be composed of nobility.
The executive can make treaties, appoint members of the judiciary, and appoint other offices with the approval of the legislature. The executive can reject laws, but the legislature can override the rejections.	The executive can reject laws from the legislative branch.	Executive should regulate time of legislative meetings.
The executive will be chosen by the state electors called the Electoral College.	The executive branch will enforce and execute the laws.	Executive power should be in the hands of a monarch or a number of people from the legislative body.
Members of the judiciary are appointed for life or on good behavior.		The judiciary term should last only as long as necessary.