I believe the members of the government & our founding fathers

Might have been fearful that the USA would be at war for power, within itself. To safeguard us they decided power must be distributed evenly, and created

So one branch of government will not have full control over the USA. This was created to ensure that decisions for the people in our country would be done in fairness, and not one group will be in charge of decisions made for the USA.
SECOND PLACE

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Possible conversation among our Founding Fathers:

“We do not want another tyrannical king to levy harsh taxes, but how will we manage without one?” questioned Jefferson.

“We can have a ruler, but we need other people to share the governing power preventing one person from gaining too much,” added George Mason

“How about branches of government that each do different jobs?” inquired Washington

When the Founding Fathers designed our government, they knew they did not want another king. The Judicial, the Legislative, and the Executive branches, check and balance each other to ensure that one does not become too powerful.

THIRD PLACE

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Our founding fathers created three branches of government to set up the foundation of our country. Now, no one has all the power so that one person cannot do everything, like making all the rules for our country like the king did in Great Britain. That would not be fair, right? That is why they gave several people power by splitting it into three groups called the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches. That’s why there are three branches of the government. I like it better than having one ruler.
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FIRST PLACE
Liberty Bell * West Middle School * Centennial, Colorado

One Man?
All power to one man?
They were not a fan.
The British rule had much corruption,
It was time for a volcanic eruption.

All power to one man?
The Fathers had to make a new plan.
Let’s have an Executive,
The people will make her an Elective.

All power to one man?
But who is going to check on the helmsman?
The Legislative will keep her in check,
As she steers the ship from the deck.

All power to one man?
But we must also have a guardsman.
The Judicial will watch over,
And never,
Be anyone’s pushover.

SECOND PLACE
Sophia Pilling * West Middle School * Centennial, Colorado

The triangle is the strongest shape. It won’t crack under pressure and is often used to solidify the foundations of a building. Similarly, the US government has three co-equal branches, the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. Like the sides of a triangle, each branch is separate yet connected and made stronger by its companions. Our founding fathers knew that three branches would create a strong foundation for our nation because they insured even distribution of power, just like a triangle.

THIRD PLACE
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When our founding fathers went on to create the Constitution they decided to create three branches: the legislative, executive, and judicial branch. Why is that? They got the idea from Baron D. Montesquieu who believed strongly in having three branches of government as well as checks and balances. Our founding fathers figured it would be a wonderful idea, making our government complex and fair. Each branch had a fair advantage over the other making sure that no one branch could get too powerful and turn our democracy into a dictatorship.
The Founding Fathers wanted to form a government that did not allow one person or party to have excessive authority or control. While under the rule of the British king they learned the danger within this system, but under the Articles of Confederation it was preached that there was a need for a strong equal or centralized government. As result for this need of government, the Founding Fathers introduced the separation of powers, or the three separate branches of government. Although each power has its own task, they all work together to make sure the rights of citizens are not being ignored or neglected. Our Founding Fathers created the three branches of government to ensure a fair and balanced central government.

When the Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution, they did so with the goal of thwarting the tyranny of the majority that Madison deeply feared. British Government concentrated power in Parliament which controlled and thus politicized the judicial system, and at the same time held the appointive power over the prime ministers. In order to prevent elected majorities from threatening the liberties of the people, they created separate and independent branches of government. Checks and balances were put into place that created an independent judicial system equal with the legislative and executive branches, which were equal to each other as well.

Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary. Those are the names of our three branches of government. The Executive branch enforces laws. The Legislative branch passes those laws. The Judicial branch makes sure the laws are actually allowed. So why do we have these three laws? We have these branches so we can separate the powers of government. Now why divide the powers? We divide these powers so there isn’t just one person with all the power. One person with all the power can become a dictator. History has shown that dictators always bring harm and death with them.