Checks and Balances Worksheet

Answer the questions about checks and balances. Use Legislative, Executive, or Judicial on the space provided to answer what branch of the U.S. government can check the other two branches.

1. __________________________ can veto a law passed by Congress.
2. __________________________ can declare laws unconstitutional.
3. __________________________ appoints judges to the Supreme Court.
4. __________________________ can override a presidential veto with a 2/3 majority vote.
5. __________________________ can reject presidential appointments.
6. __________________________ may adjourn Congress in certain situations.
7. __________________________ may declare executive actions unconstitutional.
8. __________________________ may reject treaties.
9. __________________________ may propose constitutional amendments to overrule judicial decisions.
10. __________________________ may impeach the president.
11. __________________________ may withhold funding for presidential initiatives.
12. __________________________ may impeach Supreme Court justices.

In one paragraph (5-7 sentences) please describe why checks and balances are so important for a government to work for the people. You can start your paragraph with the question: Why are checks and balances important for our democracy?