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Balancing Power

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. If there were no checks and balances, one branch could take control, making unfair laws or decisions without anyone stopping them.
2. The Supreme Court makes sure laws and government actions follow the Constitution, protecting people's rights.
3. In a school, teachers, students, and principals work together to make fair decisions about rules.
4. By stopping any one branch from having too much power, checks and balances make sure leaders follow laws and protect democracy.

