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## Political Power

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. If one party controlled everything, they could make unfair laws without opposition. Checks and balances prevent this.
2. It is important so that no one group can control the government or make unfair decisions.
3. In a school, teachers, students, and principals working together to make fair rules is like checks and balances.
4. Political parties use checks and balances to stop the other party's decisions or to make sure their own ideas get passed.

