

Notes 5.3 - What Have the Romans Ever Done for Us?

Roman Government

Had power divided across three **branches of government**:

Senate - the rich families

Assembly - the common people

Tribunes - Executive Branch

- Had the power of **Veto**
(Latin for "I refuse")

Created **checks and balances** - the branches could block each other.

Laws called "**Twelve Tables**" were standardized across the entire Roman Empire. Citizens were protected by legal rights.