

AMERICA VOTES

GOVERNMENTS, BRANCHES AND OFFICEHOLDERS

(Second of 6)



The first three articles of the U.S. Constitution create three branches of the federal government: the legislative (Congress, consisting of U.S. senators and U.S. representatives), the executive (the president) and the judicial (court judges). These same three branches of government exist at the state and local levels, too.



WHAT ARE THE OFFICES?

Directions: Each level of government – federal, state and local – has an executive, legislative and judicial branch. Each also has elected or appointed officeholders in those branches. Fill in the titles for those offices left blank below.

Government Branch	Legislative	Executive	Judicial
Federal	1.		1.
	2. U.S. Representative		2. Federal Court Judge
State	1. State Senator		1. State Supreme Court Judge
	2.		2.
Local			Municipal Court Judge

THE OFFICEHOLDER AT WORK

Directions: What do these officials do? Connect the official with one of his/her jobs.

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| 1. Oversees departments that plow streets, pick up trash. | A. U.S. Supreme Court Judge |
| 2. Hears challenges of state court decisions, state laws. | B. U.S. Representative |
| 3. Hears challenges to U.S. Constitution, treaties, national laws. | C. President |
| 4. Confirms presidential appointees. | D. Mayor |
| 5. Writes first draft of any national bills related to budget, money, taxes. | E. U.S. Senator |
| 6. Signs state laws and budget. | F. Governor |
| 7. Appoints U.S. Supreme Court judges. | G. State Supreme Court Judge |

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Learning Outcomes: Identifies responsibilities of branches of government, identifies services provided by governments, identifies leaders, communicates social studies information using graphs or tables, obtains information about issues from print and electronic sources, specifies the structure of national, state and local governments.

"VOTE" ABULARY WORDS:
Congress, House of Representatives, Senate