

Chapter 11

Government in the U.S.

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Chapter 11, Lesson 1

Vocabulary

local – of a certain limited area or place

citizen – a person who is a member of a country, state, or community

public – open to all people

private – for a particular person or group; not public

tax – money paid by people or businesses to support a city, state, or nation

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Local Government

People	Public Places	Services

Name _____

Community Participation

Community	What People Do
Fayetteville	
Seattle	
Our Town	

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local	citizen	public
private	tax	

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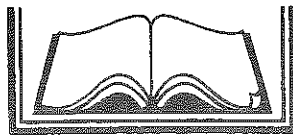
_____ of a certain limited area or place

_____ money paid by people or businesses to support a city, state, or nation

_____ open to all people

1. How are people involved in their local government? _____

2. What happens when people don't follow the laws of a community? How does this affect the community? _____



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Our Local Governments

Review pages 275–279 to answer these questions. Choose the best answer. Circle the letter next to your choice.

1. **What services do local governments provide?**
 - A. special laws about things like seat belts
 - B. neighborhood parks, libraries, and recycling
 - C. laws that the whole country must follow
 - D. new roads, state hospitals, and water resources

2. **What is a citizen?**
 - A. an official member of a country, state, or community
 - B. a person who belongs to a special groups of leaders
 - C. an area within a state that has its own government
 - D. someone who wants to be elected to do a special job

3. **What is one thing people must do to become citizens?**
 - A. They must swear loyalty to the country they came from.
 - B. They must live in the U.S. for several years.
 - C. They must only have been born in the United States.
 - D. They must pay a large sum of money to the President.

4. **What is a public place?**
 - A. a place that belongs to only one person
 - B. a place that belongs to one group of people
 - C. a place that you must have permission to use
 - D. a place that can be used by everyone

5. **What is a private place?**
 - A. a place like a library or community park
 - B. a place that you can go to anytime
 - C. a place that you must have permission to use
 - D. a place that can be used by everyone

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Chapter 11, Lesson 2

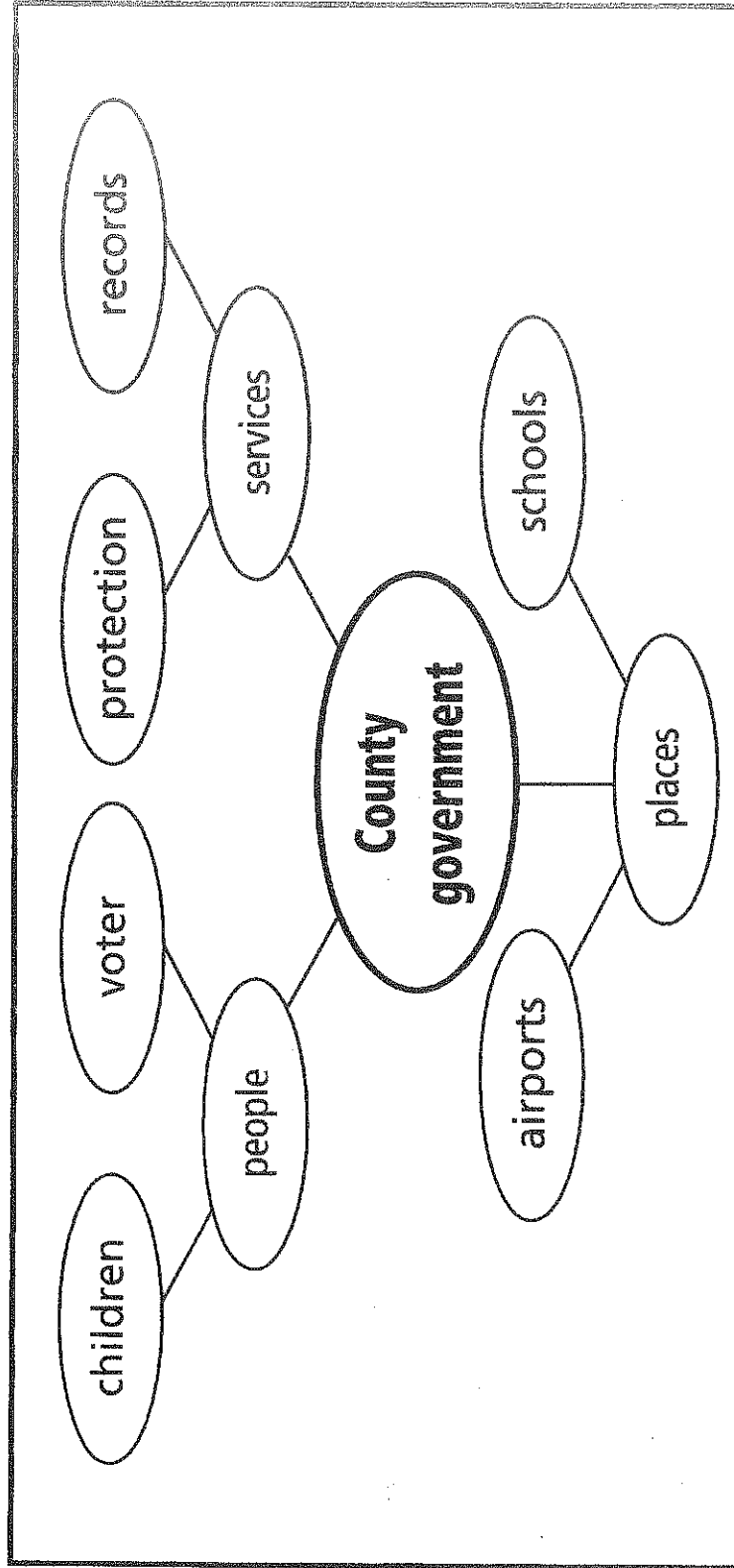
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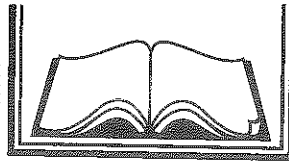
county – an area within a state that has its own government

candidate – a person who tries to be elected to a government job

certificate – an official document that gives information about an event or fact

County Government





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Date _____

Vocabulary Skill: Words About a Topic

Our County Governments

Lesson 2 is about how county governments work.

Here are some of the words used to talk about government.

records**parishes****elected****candidates****citizens****boroughs****voting****responsibility**

Write each word under the sentence that tells about it. If you need help, find the word on page 283 of Lesson 2 and read how it is used.

1. This word names people who run for a government job.

2. This process gives people the right to choose their leaders.

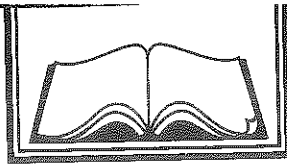
- 3-4. These are two words for "counties."

5. These hold written information so people will remember it.

6. This word names members of a country.

7. This means "chosen by voting."

8. This is another word for "duty."



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Our County Governments

Review pages 282–285 to answer these questions. Choose the best answer. Circle the letter next to your choice.

1. What is a county?

- A. a community just outside of a city
- B. land that is an official part of another country
- C. part of a state that has its own government
- D. a rule that people must follow to keep order

2. What might you see at county fairgrounds?

- A. lots of books that you can borrow
- B. many people in bathing suits
- C. old dinosaur bones and tools used to find them
- D. flowers, vegetables, and animals

3. Which is a NOT a job of county governments?

- A. helping to give police protection
- B. helping to build new shopping malls
- C. helping to give children public schools
- D. helping to build airports

4. What is a candidate?

- A. a winner at the county fair
- B. a person voting for the first time
- C. someone running for a government job
- D. an area set aside for voting

5. It is a voter's right to —

- A. vote when he or she turns 16
- B. help choose the best leaders
- C. learn about farming at a county fair
- D. vote anywhere he or she likes

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Chapter 11, Lesson 3
Vocabulary

Border - the line where one area, such as a state, ends and another begins

Governor - the person elected as the head of a state in the United States

Legislature - a body of people with the power to make and change laws

Name _____

State Government

People	Laws	Things taxes pay for

Name _____

Services paid for with State Taxes

- ✓ State parks
- ✓ State hospitals
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ State police
- ✓ Road building and repairs
- ✓ Water conservations projects

Name _____

Chapter 11, Lesson 3 Review

1. A _____ is the line where one area, such as a state, ends and another begins.

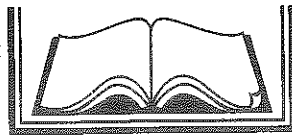
2. A body of people with the power to make and change laws is called _____.

3. A _____ is the person elected as the head of a state in the United States.

4. What does the state government do? _____

5. What services does state government provide to people in the state? _____

6. Why is going to school both a right and a responsibility?



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Our State Governments

Review pages 288–292 to answer these questions. Choose the best answer. Circle the letter next to your choice.

1. What is a border?

- A. the line where one state ends and another begins
- B. a restaurant where foods from one state are served
- C. a special law of each state
- D. another name for a state police officer

2. Which is NOT a difference between states?

- A. different state flags
- B. different speed laws
- C. different Presidents
- D. different state flowers

3. What does state government do?

- A. meets in Washington, D.C., each month
- B. makes laws, helps people, and collects tax money
- C. provides county fairs to help people have fun
- D. builds new businesses and makes new products

4. What is a governor?

- A. the person chosen by voters to be the head of state government
- B. a person who must pay state taxes
- C. someone who goes to school to teach students about safety
- D. the organization that keeps the state in order

5. What is the legislature?

- A. all the laws of a state that the people must obey
- B. a law that says that citizens of a state should vote
- C. money raised by the state to pay for state programs
- D. the group of people who make state laws

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Chapter 11 Review

Know the definitions of the following vocabulary words:

legislature

tax

certificate

public

governor

county

citizen

private

border

candidate

local

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Chapter 11 Study Guide

Write the definition for each vocabulary words.

legislature _____

tax _____

certificate _____

public _____

governor _____

county _____

citizen _____

private

border _____

candidate _____

local _____

