
Mrs. Chrissy-4th Grade

Class _____

How Government Works

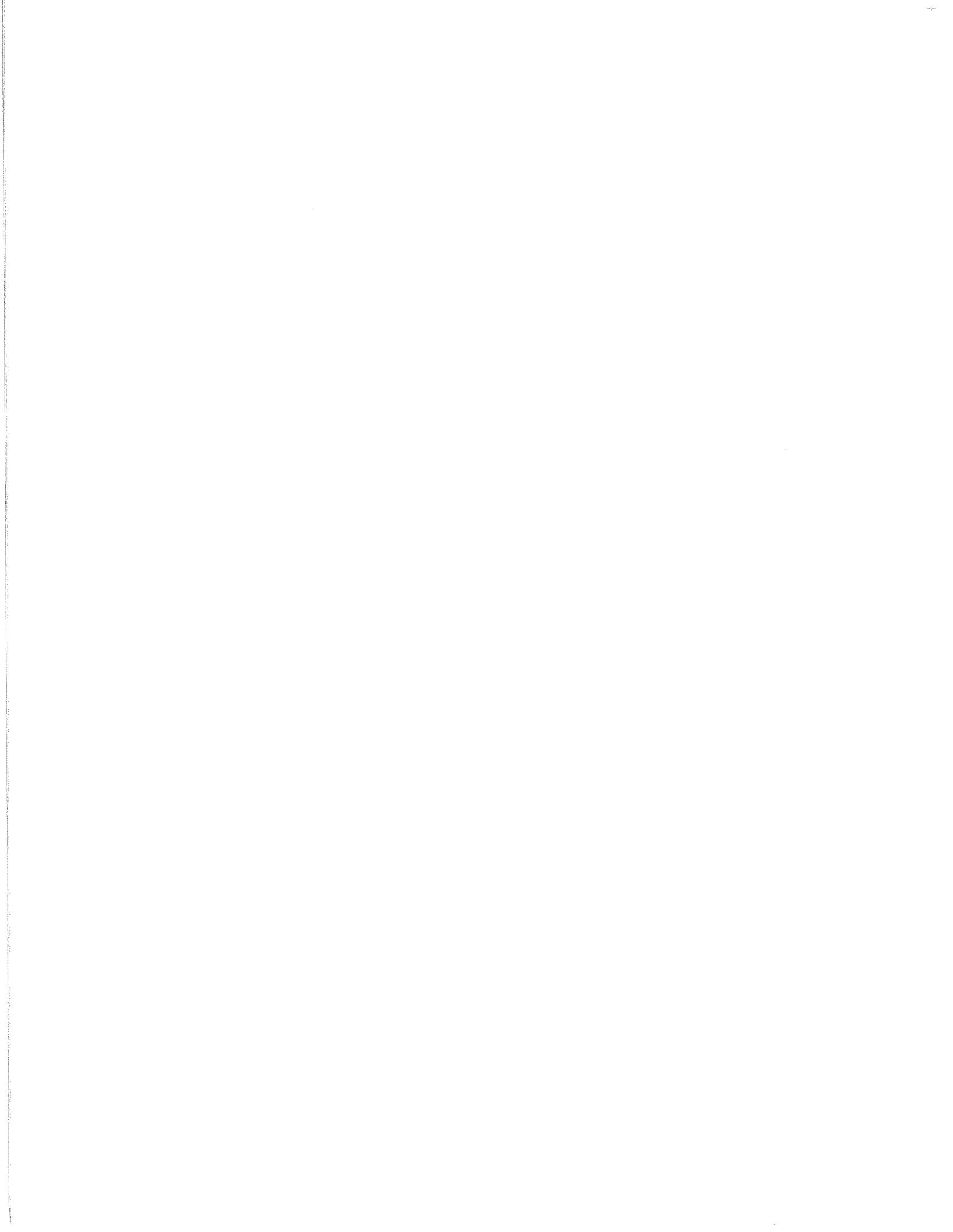
Directions: Please read the magazine as carefully as possible! Listed below is the following information on what should be completed for 4th grade Social Studies. Once you have completed all the packets for How Government Works you can review IXL or go play US Map games on <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/>. Please email me cschlaudecker@gssnola.org if you have any questions. Love all you guys and can't wait to see you soon.

Assignments:

- Read the How Government Works Magazine as you read try to highlight the vocabulary words that are listed on the glossary page and fill in the chart for the chapter. (HINT- they have a page number for all words and questions in the chart)
- Once you have read and completed the vocabulary words in the magazine and fill in the chart begin -GET SET READ- The page numbers are listed where to find the facts.***Remember if the statement is FALSE you must correct the statement!
- The crossword puzzle will be based off of the Vocabulary words.
- The Assessment worksheets will all be based off of your magazine to be OPEN BOOK.

Take your time and you will do great!! I have so much confidence in you to do a great job. Please let me know if you have any questions. Remember we have done this for every chapter...YOU GOT THIS!!

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American Government

Directions: Answer the following questions. Remember we do this for all our chapters except I gave you the page number to help you find it in the chapter. Take your time and READ the chapter page by page. You Got this!!! So Proud of all the hard work you are doing!!!

Fill in the Chart on Apply for Citizenship(Look on page 17)

Questions	Answer
You have to be at least _____ years old?	
How long do you have to live in the US?	
You have to pass a test on what?	
You have to be able to write and speak what language?	
You must take an oath promising what?	

Fill in the Chart on Elected Job Requirements (Look on page 15)

JOB	President	Senator	Representatives
Age			
Citizenship			
Residence			

Fill in the Chart on Three Levels of Government-Examples of what they do? (look on page 3)

Federal Government	State Government	Local Government
List 3 examples	List 2 examples	List 2 examples

Fill in the chart:

Questions	Answers
What are the Three Branches of Government? (pg.2)	
What are the President's responsibilities? (pg. 4)	
What is the Vice President's responsibilities?(pg. 5)	
How many Senators are there?(pg. 6)	
How many Senators does each state have and how long are there terms?(pg. 6)	
How many Representatives are there? (pg. 7)	
How are Representatives per state decided and how long are there terms?(pg. 7)	
What is the leader of the House of Representative called?(pg.7)	

What does Congress have the power to do?(pg.7)	
What is the highest court of the land?(pg.8)	
How many Associate Justices do we have? (pg. 8)	
What is the head of the Supreme Court called?(pg.8)	
How is a Supreme Court Justice elected?(pg. 9)	
What is a term for a Supreme Court Justice?(pg. 9)	
How many stars and stripes does our flag have?(pg. 11)	
What animal represents the Republican party? (pg. 15)	
What animal represents the Democratic party?(pg. 15)	
How many Electoral Votes does the US have and how many do you need to be the President? (pg. 15)	
What must males register for when they turn 18 years old?(pg. 16)	



Glossary

BILL

Pronunciation bĭl

Part of Speech noun

Definition A draft of a proposed law presented for approval to a legislative body.

Word As Used in Magazine *When the president signs a **bill**, it becomes a law. (p. 5)*

BUDGET

Pronunciation bŭj'ĭt

Part of Speech noun

Definition A plan for spending money during a given period of time.

Word As Used in Magazine *One of the president's jobs is to prepare a **budget**. (p. 5)*

CIVIC VIRTUE

Pronunciation sĭv'ĭk vĭr'chŭ

Part of Speech noun

Definition Things people do for the common good and for the good of a country.

Word As Used in Magazine *That's **civic virtue** at work. (p. 16)*

DIRECT DEMOCRACY

Pronunciation

dĭ-rĕkt' dĭ-mŏk'rĕ-sĕ

Part of Speech noun

Definition Government by the people, exercised through direct voting.

Word As Used in Magazine

***Direct democracy** occurs at a local level in the United States in some New England communities where town meetings are held. (p.2).*

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Pronunciation

ĭ-lĕk'tĕr-əl kŏl'ĭj

Part of Speech noun

Definition A group of people chosen to elect the president and vice president of the United States, usually by supporting the candidate who won the popular vote.

Word As Used in Magazine *The president is actually chosen by the **Electoral College**. (p. 14)*

IMPEACH

Pronunciation ĭm-pĕch'

Part of Speech verb

Definition To bring formal charges against a public official for an illegal act or dishonest behavior while in office.

Word As Used in Magazine *To **impeach** someone means to charge the person with a serious crime while in office. (p. 5)*

JUSTICE

Pronunciation jŭs'tĭs

Part of Speech noun

Definition A judge on the highest court of a government, such as a judge on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Word As Used in Magazine *Its **justices**, or judges, interpret the Constitution. (p. 8)*

Glossary (continued)

MUNICIPAL

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Get Set to Read

DIRECTIONS What do you know about government in the United States? Write (T) for true if you think the statement is true. Write (F) for false if you think the statement is not true. Then read *How Government Works*. Check back to find out if you were correct. Write the correct answer and the page number where you found it.

Remember just correct FALSE statements

T/F?		After Reading	Page
	1. The United States has three branches of government.		2
	2. The president of the United States cannot grant pardons for federal crimes.		4
	3. The vice president's main job is to be prepared to take over for the president if needed.		5
	4. The House of Representatives makes up the United States Congress.		6
	5. Like the president, U.S. senators have limits on how long they can serve in the Senate.		6
	6. The Supreme Court mainly hears cases that involve federal law or the Constitution.		8
	7. The amount of sales tax can vary from person to person within the same state.		13
	8. If a candidate wins the popular vote in a U.S. presidential election, he or she automatically becomes president.		14
	9. The United States has two main political parties.		15
	10. The 19 th Amendment gave women the right to vote.		16

Challenge: Rewrite each false sentence in a way that makes it true.



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Assessment

What are the differences among the three branches of the U.S. government?

Write the letter of each description in the correct box in the table. You will use all the descriptions.

1. Executive Branch	
2. Legislative Branch	
3. Judicial Branch	

- a. makes laws
- b. makes sure laws are followed correctly
- c. carries out the laws
- d. includes the Senate and House of Representatives
- e. includes the president, vice president, and Cabinet
- f. includes the Supreme Court and circuit courts

4. Which of the following describes a representative democracy?
- a. The people vote directly to make decisions.
 - b. The people elect individuals to represent them.
 - c. The government is divided into separate branches.
 - d. The states have an equal number of representatives.
5. Which of the following can be done by the president, Congress, and the Supreme Court?
- a. approving government spending
 - b. striking down unconstitutional laws
 - c. signing treaties with other countries
 - d. limiting the power of another branch
6. What is the purpose of the country's political parties?
- a. to get their candidates elected to office
 - b. to make laws about voting and elections
 - c. to raise money to pay for the government
 - d. to share in the responsibilities of government

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Assessment (continued)

Fill in the blanks with the correct letter from the list of words.

- 7. The local government includes the _____, or municipal, government.
 - a. city
 - b. state
- 8. It also includes the _____ government, which is the largest division of most local governments.
 - c. county
 - d. federal

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COMPELLING QUESTION

Write your answer on a separate piece of paper.

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