

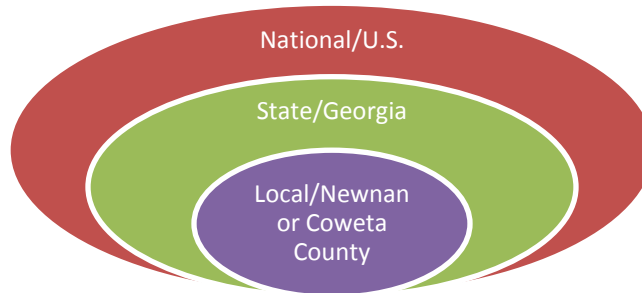
The Three Branches of the U.S. Government

A WebQuest for 3rd Grade (Social Studies)

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Introduction

You have been studying the United States and the many responsibilities involved with the government. You have learned that one group is not able to organize the entire nation. Our nation is divided into 3 levels of government including national, state, and local government. United States government is also divided into three branches: executive, legislative, judicial. Several government officials will be visiting your school from each level of government and each branch of government as a final activity in the unit. Each student will write a logical question for each of the officials about their job and the responsibilities involved. You need to determine which level of government in which each person serves (national, state, or local). You will also need to determine the branch of government (executive, legislative, judicial) in which each person serves. Then you will write a question to ask the official about their job and responsibilities involved with the job.

The Task

Your task will be visiting several websites in order to determine the branch of government the official is working in and the level of government the official works in. You will need to take notes and complete the fact sheet in order to formulate your question. The teacher will select one of your questions for you to ask one of the visiting officials.

The Process

To accomplish the task, you should following the following steps and visit the links included. You will record information on your fact sheet about each government official.

1. You and a partner will need to visit the [White House](#) website and review the 3 branches of government and the 3 levels of government.
 2. You will review [Georgia Government](#) and [Georgia General Assembly](#) websites for information about the 3 branches of government.
 3. You will find and record information on the fact sheet about [Lynn Westmoreland](#) and about Lynn Westmoreland's [career](#).
 4. You will find and record information on the fact sheet about [Lynn Smith](#).
 5. You will find and record information on the fact sheet about [Keith Brady](#).
 6. You will find and record information on the fact sheet about Seay VanPatten Poulakos for [Coweta County](#) and the [Georgia Court System](#).
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Evaluation

You will be scored based on the rubric below.

	Beginning 1	Developing 2	Accomplished 3	Exemplary 4	Score
Identified the Level of Government for government officials listed on fact sheet.	Identified the level of Government for 1 government officials.	Identified the level of Government for 2 government officials.	Identified the level of Government for 3 government officials.	Identified the level of Government for all 4 government officials.	
Identified the Branch of Government for government officials listed on fact sheet.	Identified the branch of government for 1 government officials.	Identified the branch of government for 2 government officials.	Identified the branch of government for 3 government officials.	Identified the branch of government for all 4 government officials.	
Identified the position held by government officials	Identified the position held for 1 government	Identified the position held for 2 government	Identified the position held for 3 government	Identified the position held for all 4 government	

listed on fact sheet.	officials.	officials.	officials.	officials.	
Identified duties of the position held by the government officials.	Identified duties of 1 government officials.	Identified duties of 2 government officials.	Identified duties of 3 government officials.	Identified duties of all 4 government officials.	
Composed a logical question to ask the government official.	Composed a question for 1 government officials.	Composed a question for 2 government officials.	Composed a question for 3 government officials.	Composed a question for all 4 government officials.	

Conclusion

By the end of the lesson, you should know the position of each of the 4 government officials visiting our school. When the official comes to visit you should have a logical question ready to ask the official. You should be able to identify the 3 branches of government and the 3 levels of government.

Credits & References

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/our-government>

http://www.georgia.gov/00/channel_title/0,2094,4802_5021,00.html

<http://www.legis.state.ga.us/>

<http://westmoreland.house.gov/Biography/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lynn_Westmoreland

http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2009_10/house/bios/smithLynn/smithLynn.htm

<http://www.ci.newnan.ga.us/content/view/97/94/>

<http://www.coweta.ga.us/index.aspx?page=332>

http://www.georgiacourts.org/state_court.php

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/index.html>