



Three Branches of Government Local Government Webquest

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

Standard

SS.7.C.3.8: Analyze the structure, functions, and processes of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.

Activity

Students will explore their local community's websites to understand how they interact with their government on a daily basis. Students will also compare and contrast the county they live in with another county to see the purpose of having localized governments.

Materials

- * Webquest Handout

Instructions

1. Provide students with the link to your local county government.
 - a. You can use the [Florida Department of State County Government website](#) to find the list of Florida county government websites.
2. Pass out the Webquest Handout, review the instructions as a whole class and provide time for students to explore the county government site and complete the handout.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Local Government Webquest

Directions: Follow the steps below using your local county's government website and answer the following questions.

Preview: How often do you think you interact with your local government? Explain your reasoning in complete sentences.

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Questions	Answers
Which county do you live in?	
Find five (5) services that the local government provides for everyone.	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
What three (3) services do you use on a daily basis?	1.
	2.
	3.
What are three (3) ways your local government interacts with the environment?	1.
	2.
	3.
What was one (1) thing you were surprised to learn was something your local government did?	1.

Afterwards: Was your original guess about your interaction with local government correct or incorrect? Explain your reasoning in complete sentences.

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A Tale of Two Counties

Directions: Pick another county in Florida to compare and contrast with your county's government. Find three services you use on a daily basis. Find at least three (3) similarities and differences between the two counties.

Your County Name Here:	Similarities Between the Two	Other County Name Here:
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.

In complete sentences: Why do these similarities between your two counties exist?

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In complete sentences: Why do the differences between the two counties exist?

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