

Social Studies Unit 5 Government Study Guide

Write **STATE** or **LOCAL** to tell which level of government is shown.

1. Building and fixing state roads _____ **state** _____
2. State police force _____ **state** _____
3. Make laws for each county or city _____ **local** _____
4. Takes care of state parks _____ **state** _____
5. To build a fence in your yard, you need permission from which government? _____ **local** _____

Write **SAFETY** or **SERVICES** to show which purpose of government is shown.

6. Building roads _____ **services** _____
7. Providing a police force _____ **safety** _____
8. Building schools and libraries _____ **services** _____

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

9. What are the 3 branches of government?
The three branches of government are the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.
10. What do people do in a representative government?
People elect leaders to make laws and decisions.
11. Who holds the power in a republic?
The people hold the power in a republic.
12. Who represents the citizens of Michigan in our state government?
Representatives and senators represent the citizens of Michigan.

13. What does it mean to interpret laws?

To interpret the law means to decide what a law means.

14. What does limited government mean?

Limited government means the government can only do what the people give it power to do.

15. Why does Michigan have a state constitution?

Michigan has a state constitution to list the rules for making state laws.

Write **LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE, OR JUDICIAL** to explain which branch of government is responsible for each of the jobs below.

16. Interprets laws _____judicial_____

17. The governor is the state leader of this branch. _____executive_____

18. Makes laws _____legislative_____

19. Ends conflicts between citizens _____judicial_____

20. Decides if a law has been broken _____judicial_____

Answer in complete sentences.

21. Choose one right from our Constitution and explain why that right is important. Then explain one responsibility that goes with that right.

One right that is important from our Constitution is _____. I think this is important because _____.

One responsibility that we have that goes along with this right is _____.