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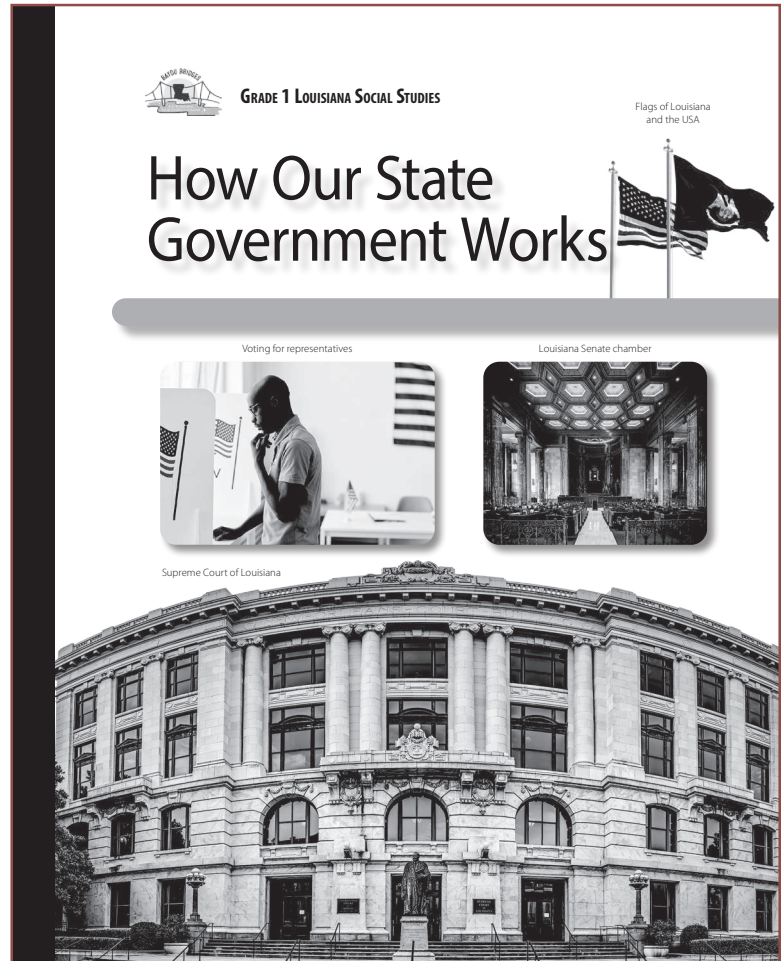
During the next few weeks, as part of our study of the Bayou Bridges Louisiana Social Studies program, your child will be learning about Louisiana's state government. They will learn about the structure of the state government. They will also learn about the different roles of the people who serve in the state government.

In this unit, students will study the three different branches of the state (and national) government. They will match the responsibilities of government to the correct branch. They will summarize the purpose of Louisiana's state government and describe some of its rules and laws. Students will take a closer look at leadership roles within Louisiana's state government and identify the duties assigned to those roles. They will also ask and answer questions about how people are elected to office through voting.

We understand that the workings of government and people in positions of power can be a sensitive topic. The information in this unit is presented in a factual, age-appropriate way. Governmental leadership roles are referred to only by their titles, such as *governor*, *lieutenant governor*, and *senator*. The goal is to teach students how the separate parts of Louisiana's state government are designed to work together to support the people living here.

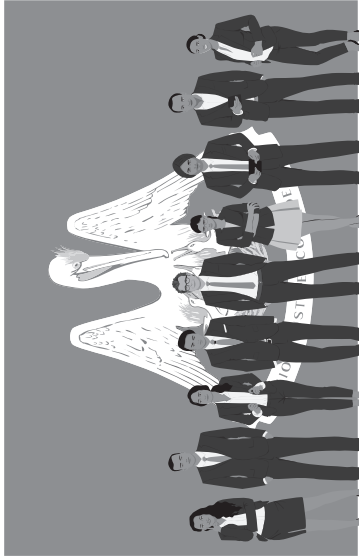
Sometimes students have questions regarding how the information they are learning relates to themselves and their own experiences. In such instances, we will encourage each student to discuss such topics with you. We recognize that the best place to find answers to those types of questions is with your family and the adults at home.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

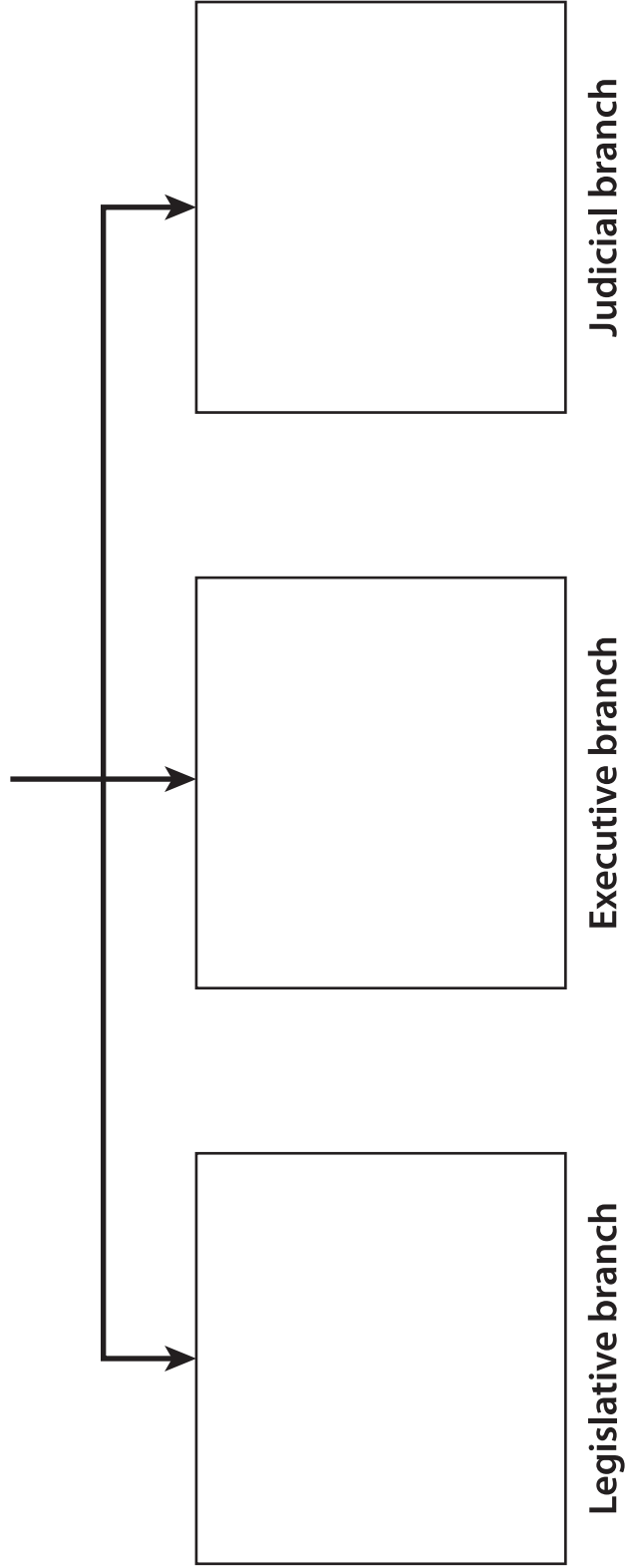


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**Our State Government**



**Louisiana government**



**Activity Page 1.3**

**Use with Chapter 1**

**Branches of Government**

**Executive branch**



**Legislative branch**



**Judicial branch**



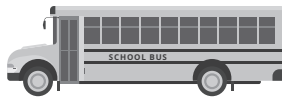
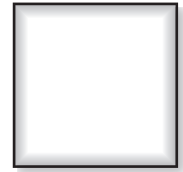
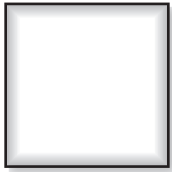
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### Activity Page 2.1

### Use with Chapter 2

## Mock School Board Ballot



## Chapter 1 Assessment: *The Three Branches of Government*

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Make sufficient copies of the Student Answer Sheet for each student; see pages 44–45 of this Teacher Guide. Read each sentence or question aloud with the answer choices. Instruct students to point to each picture on the answer sheet as you read the choice aloud. Reread the question or sentence and answer choices aloud a second time, and tell students to circle the picture that shows the correct answer.

1. Which branch of the government includes the Senate and House of Representatives? **(1.12)**
  - a) executive branch
  - b) judicial branch
  - c) legislative branch
2. Who chooses members of the legislative branch? **(1.12)**
  - a) governor
  - b) Senate
  - c) voters
3. Which branch of the government makes sure rules and laws are followed? **(1.12)**
  - a) executive branch
  - b) judicial branch
  - c) legislative branch
4. Which branch of the government makes sure Louisiana’s laws are fair? **(1.12)**
  - a) executive branch
  - b) judicial branch
  - c) legislative branch
5. What is the state government’s most important job? **(1.10)**
  - a) helping people live together peacefully
  - b) deciding what laws mean
  - c) building skyscrapers
6. Which example describes a law that is special to Louisiana? **(1.13)**
  - a) Citizens can vote for government leaders.
  - b) Speed limits keep drivers and passengers safe.
  - c) Plants and animals of the wetlands are protected.

**Chapter 1 Assessment Student Answer Sheet: The Three Branches of Government**

**1.**

**a.**



**b.**



**c.**



**2.**

**a.**



**b.**



**c.**



**3.**

**a.**



**b.**



**c.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 1 Assessment Student Answer Sheet: The Three Branches of Government**

**4.**

**a.**



**b.**



**c.**



**5.**

**a.**



**b.**



**c.**



**6.**

**a.**



**b.**



**c.**



## Chapter 2 Assessment: *Leaders in Louisiana's Government*

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Make sufficient copies of the Student Answer Sheet for each student; see pages 47–48 of this Teacher Guide. Read each sentence or question aloud with the answer choices. Instruct students to point to each picture on the answer sheet as you read the choice aloud. Reread the question or sentence and answer choices aloud a second time, and tell students to circle the picture that shows the correct answer.

1. Who is Louisiana's main leader? **(1.16)**
  - a) the governor
  - b) the lieutenant governor
  - c) the state representative
  
2. Which leader is in charge of Louisiana's state parks? **(1.16)**
  - a) the governor
  - b) the lieutenant governor
  - c) the Senate
  
3. What does Louisiana's Department Agriculture and Forestry do? **(1.16)**
  - a) It helps people get ready for hurricanes.
  - b) It takes care of the soil, water, and trees in the state.
  - c) It takes care of museums that preserve Louisiana's history.
  
4. Which people are leaders of the judicial branch? **(1.16)**
  - a) teachers
  - b) senators
  - c) judges
  
5. How are many of Louisiana's government leaders chosen? **(1.14)**
  - a) They are elected by voters.
  - b) They are chosen by judges.
  - c) They are picked by other people in the government.



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Date \_\_\_\_\_

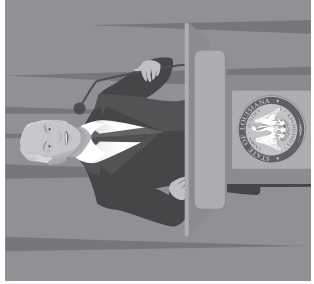
**Chapter 2 Assessment Student Answer Sheet: Leaders in Louisiana's Government**

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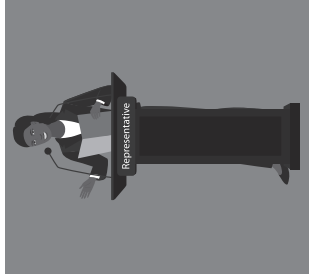
**a.**



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**c.**



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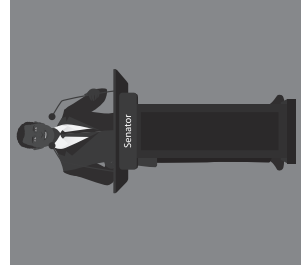
**a.**



**b.**

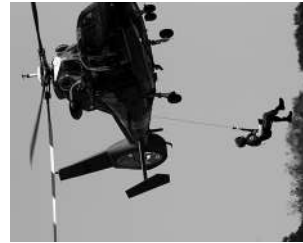


**c.**



**3.**

**a.**



**b.**



**c.**



**Chapter 2 Assessment Student Answer Sheet: Leaders in Louisiana's Government**

**4.** a.



b.



c.



**5.** a.



b.



c.

