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WEEK 2

Grade 3 Civics and Government

Standards:

SS.3.C.1.1 Explain the purpose and need for government.

SS.3.C.1.3 Explain how government was established through a written Constitution.

SS.3.C.3.1 Identify the levels of government (local, state, federal).

SS.3.C.3.2 Describe how government is organized at the local level.

SS.3.C.3.4 Recognize that the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land.

Florida Statutes (1003.42):

(b) The history, meaning, significance, and effect of the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and amendments...

(s)... The character development curriculum shall stress the qualities of patriotism; **responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for authority**, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty; charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance; and cooperation...

Resources:
Floridacitizen.org
education.com

Reading Comprehension

Directions: Read the following paragraph and answer the questions in complete sentences.

Have you ever stopped to think about the ways government influences your every-day life? Just think about some of the things you have done today.

Did you eat cereal for breakfast? Did you worry that the milk you poured on it might be contaminated? No, because the Food and Drug Administration watches dairies to ensure that the milk they produce is safe. Did you drive to school or to the store? Were there huge holes in the road? No, because national, state and local governments work together to keep the roads in generally good repair. Were cars speeding through intersections without even slowing down? No, because there are laws and police officers to keep order on the streets. Are you fearful that another nation will attack the United States and overthrow our government? There are a thousand things the government does each day which allow us to worry less and live more comfortably than we otherwise would.

Information from <http://thisnation.com/textbook/whygovt-practical.html>

1. What is this section about?

2. Name two ways that government keeps us safe.

3. What three levels of government were mentioned?

4. Can you think of other ways the government helps people?

The Preamble of the United States Constitution

Directions: Draw a picture in the box to match the section of the Preamble to the Constitution.

We the People of the United States,	in Order to form a more perfect Union,	establish Justice,	insure domestic Tranquility,
(All citizens of the United States of America)	(to make a stronger country)	(to make sure that everyone is treated fairly)	(to make sure that the country is happy and peaceful)
provide for the common defence,	promote the general Welfare,	and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,	do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.
(to make sure that the country is protected against attacks)	(to provide services to help everyone)	(to make sure that we are free and future Americans are free)	(establish this Constitution for the United States.)

How is government organized at the local level?

What is a City?

A city is a place where you live, work, go to school and play. A city is a place where you carry on your day-to-day life. Some cities are called towns or villages. A city government provides services to its citizens and sets up rules, called ordinances, that allow people to have a beautiful, safe and healthy place to live.

The central building where these services are organized and rules are made is called city hall. The people working at city hall provide you with many services like clean water, garbage pick up, playgrounds, basketball courts, streets, lights, and police and fire protection.

Who are the leaders of the city?

Every city is run by a group of people who make laws and provide services. The people chosen to run the city are usually called mayor, councilmember, or commissioner. Usually, a city will have a mayor and councilmembers. These people work together to run the city. Sometimes a city will only have councilmembers or commissioners.

The people of the city create a charter, which is a set of rules. By writing a charter, the people of the city decide how the city will be run. The city government leaders meet as a council once a month to take care of city business. Anyone can attend these meetings. The meetings are usually held in city hall.

Who are some other important people to know in the city?

Many cities have a police chief and their job is to run the police department. The city police department makes sure that all laws are obeyed and that the people are safe.

A city clerk is someone who is in charge of all of the city documents. This person attends all of the city council meetings and keeps the city paperwork organized.

Some cities have a city manager. A city manager is in charge of all of the city departments. This person creates a city budget and makes sure the people are getting all of the services from the city.

Adapted from: Florida League of Cities, Inc. ABC's of City Government

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City Government

1. What is a city?

Main Idea:

Key Detail:

2. Who are the leaders of the city?

Main Idea:

Key Detail:

3. Who are some other important people to know in the city?

Main Idea:

Key Detail:



Local Government: Municipality

In the United States, government is in three main levels: federal, state and local. One type of local government is a municipality. A municipality may be a city, town or village.

Municipalities are usually led by city council, which is a group of elected officers. The head of the city council is the mayor. Many municipalities also have a city manager, who is in charge of the daily operations of the city.

Municipalities provide services to the citizens, such as police protection, fire protection, and street management. The center of the municipal government is called city hall, which may be one building, or in large cities, many different buildings.

Q&A

Who is the head of the city council?

What is the center of municipal government?

What does economic development encourage?

What are the levels of government in the U.S.?

Typical Municipal Services:

Police

Fire

Emergency Services, such as ambulances

Emergency Management, for hurricanes and earthquakes

Planning and Zoning, which decides how and where the city will grow

Transportation, such as buses and subways

Parks and Recreation

Utilities, such as electricity and water

Municipal Court, which decides cases based on the laws of the city

Public Works, which takes care streets and sewers, and collects trash

Economic Development, which encourages tourism and business

Tax Collection

Library

Housing



For Fun: Municipal Word Search

Circle each of the words on the list in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards or diagonally.

N F W R D U Q C C T U Z H V Y
 P A R K S V T O D B Y T E R V
 X L I Z G G U I O N A A C M O
 Z A S I M N H T L S A D I K E
 M U N I C I P A L I T K L U M
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 E W L Z T G S X J N B I P I R
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 J J I V O M V O Y R A R B I L
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municipal
mayor
council
police

library
parks
government
utilities

emergency
city
town
village