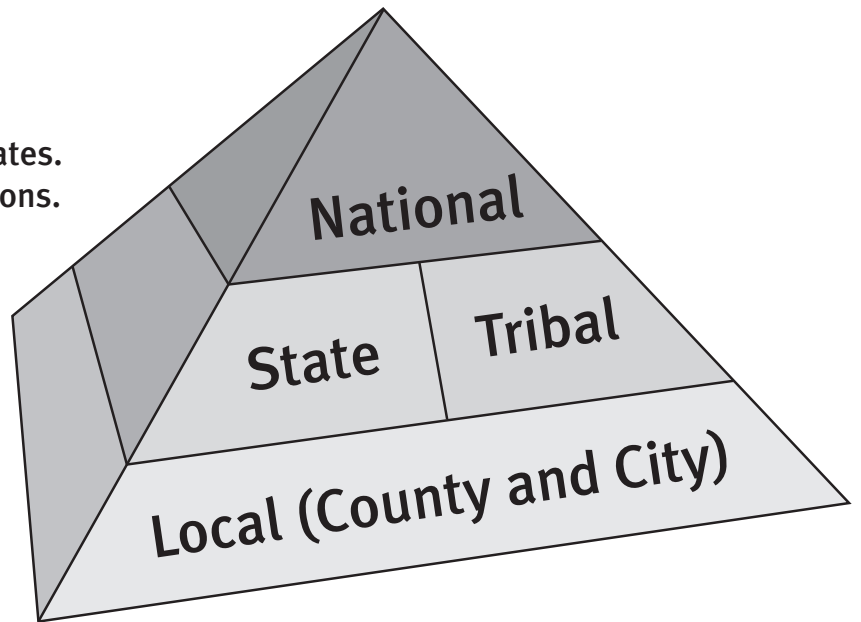


**Why Is Government Necessary?**Lesson **1****Activator****Why Government?**

The pyramid represents each level of government we have in the United States. Use the pyramid to answer the questions.



1. Why do we have four different types of government?

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2. Why is the bottom level, local government, larger than the top level, national government?

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3. Is one level of government more important than the others? Why or why not?

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4. Why do we need each level of government?

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**Why Is Government  
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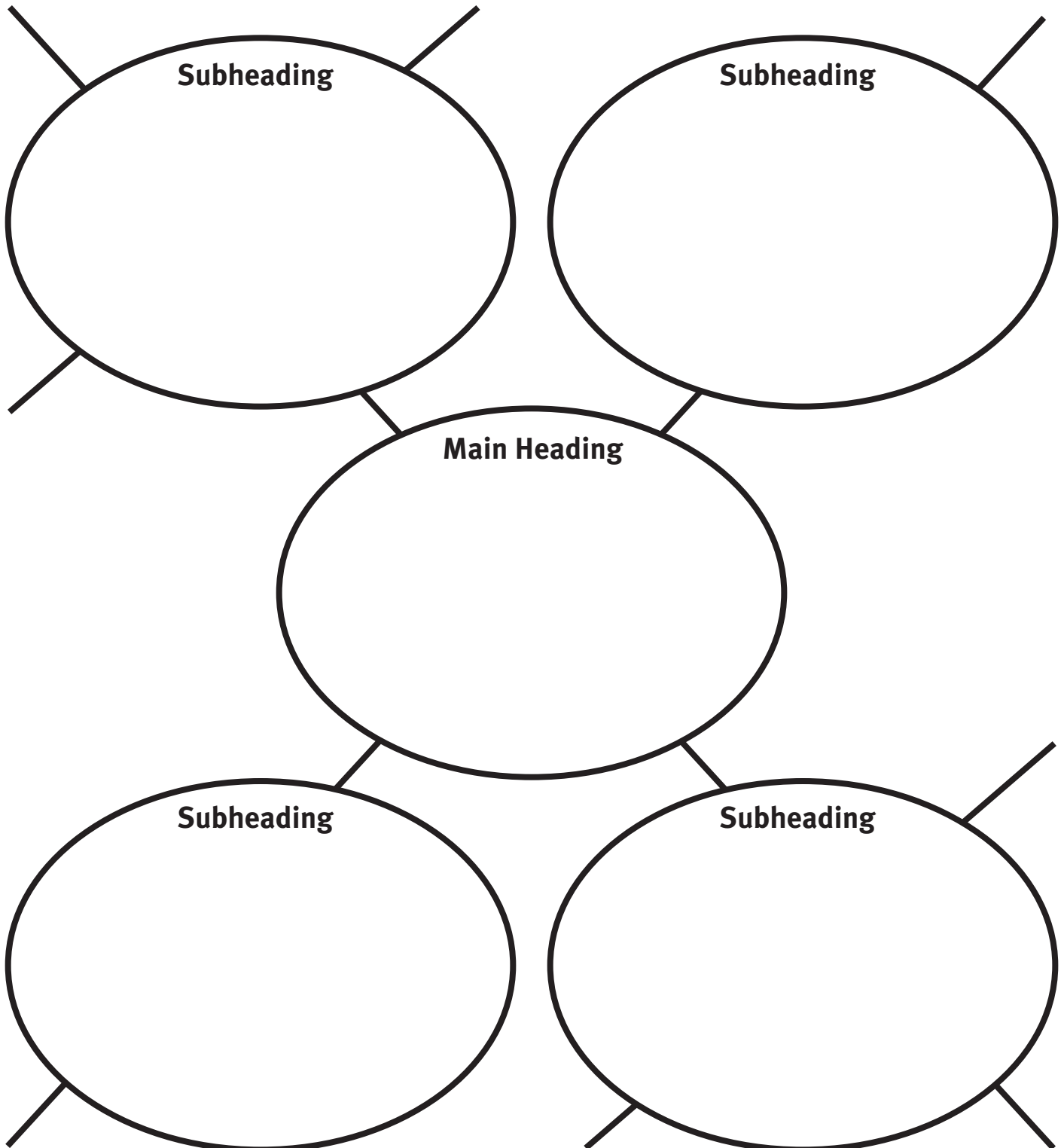
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**Key Terms**

Complete the table with information about the Key Terms from this chapter.

KEY TERMS	WORDS TO DESCRIBE	EXAMPLES
amendment		
Bill of Rights		
checks and balances		
civics		
democracy		
federal system		
municipality		
ordinance		
public goods		
republic		

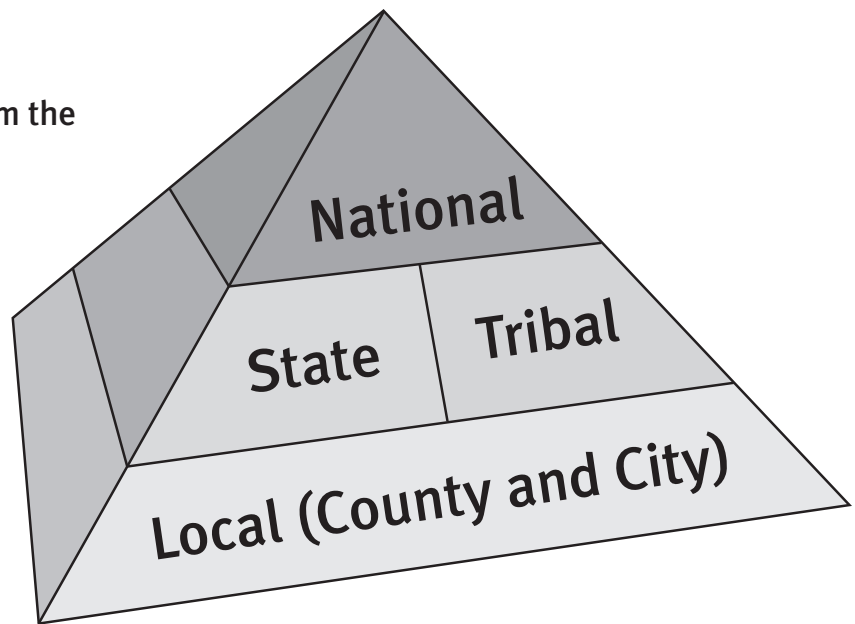
**Why Is Government  
Necessary?**Lesson **1****Comprehension Strategy****Web of Main Ideas**

After reading the lesson, choose a main heading in the lesson and create a web of main ideas for it. Revisit the lesson to help you find details.



**Why Is Government Necessary?**Lesson **1****Application****Why We Need Government**

Use the pyramid and information from the lesson to answer the questions.



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## Different Levels and Branches

Use the word bank to complete the table with the missing information for each level and branch of government. In the first column, name the title of office. In the second column, identify the parts of the Legislative Branch. In the third column, identify the type of court.

 National, State, and Local Government Organizations			
	Executive	Legislative	Judicial
National	President		U.S. Supreme Court
State		State Senate and State House of Representatives	
County			
City or Town		City Council	
Tribal	Chairperson		Tribal Courts

### Word Bank

Governor

County Executive

Mayor and/or City Manager

U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives

County Commissioners

Tribal Council

Washington Supreme Court, Supreme Court of Appeals

Superior Court, Juvenile Court, District Court

Municipal Courts

## How Government Works

Lesson **2**

## Key Terms

Use the clues below to unscramble each Key Term.

**cealrl**

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a form of direct democracy that allows citizens to remove elected officials from office.

**lrcmbaeia**

A \_\_\_\_\_ government has two legislative chambers, or houses.

**tericd oemycadrc**

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a type of government where citizens are directly involved in the lawmaking process rather than electing representatives.

**toev**

\_\_\_\_\_ is the power of a president or governor to reject a bill proposed by a legislature.

**ilbl**

A written proposal for a law is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

**dmrrenefue**

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a form of direct democracy that allows citizens to vote on laws passed or constitutional amendments approved by the legislature.

**naeiittiv**

A form of direct democracy where citizens draft a law or constitutional amendment that will be put on the ballot for the action of the voters is called an \_\_\_\_\_.

Pictures can help you remember what words mean. Choose three of the more difficult Key Terms to illustrate on another sheet of paper.

## Make an Outline of Main Ideas

Use information from the lesson to complete the outline. Parts of the outline are done for you to help make sure you are doing it correctly.

### Lesson Title: How Government Works

#### I. The Executive Branch

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

#### II.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. Legislative Responsibilities

E. \_\_\_\_\_

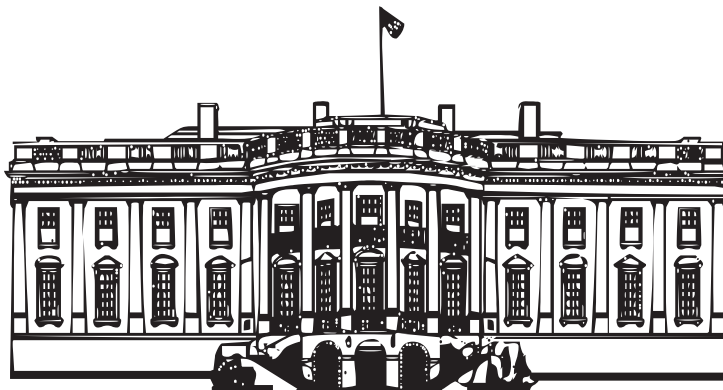
#### III.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_



## V. The Judicial Branch

A.

B.

C.

D.

## VI.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.





## Why Not Just One?

Complete the table and use information from the lesson to describe the responsibilities of each branch and level of government in your own words. Briefly explain why we have different branches and levels of government instead of just one branch and one level. Include whether or not you think this is the best way to govern a democracy and why.



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