

WEB American Civics Homework due on Wednesday, February 8, 2017
“Political Leaders”

Instructions for completing this assignment:

1. This is a multi-page document. The assignment is broken into several parts.
2. Complete the tasks in order. Spread this work out over a number of days so you won't become overwhelmed.
3. Refer to the date in the header of this document, and turn in your work accordingly.
4. Refer to the submission instructions, and turn in your work accordingly.

Do this step in the presence of a parent or trusted adult. Use the internet to conduct searches for this assignment. Website suggestions (you may use other websites if you prefer):

League of Women Voters www.lwv.org

Democracy Net www.dnet.org

Identify Your Political Leaders

There are many people in government who represent your interests. Some are elected, some are appointed. If a citizen wishes to impact the decisions those representatives make, it's important to know who they are and what community issues fall under their jurisdiction.

Local Government

The responsibilities of local governments include public health and safety in their communities, education of children, jobs and economic vitality, zoning land for particular uses and assistance to those in need.

Identify **two** political leaders who represent you on the local level. On the next blank page in your notebook, list the following for each one you identify:

- Name
- Government Title
- Description of Responsibilities (sentence fragments and phrases are fine)
- Whether elected or appointed. If appointed, by whom.

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State Government

State governments have primary responsibility for education, public health, transportation, economic development, welfare, the environment and criminal justice. They are also the unit of government that licenses and regulates various professions such as doctors, lawyers, barbers and architects.

Identify *two* political leaders who represent you on the state level. On the next blank page in your notebook, list the following for each one you identify:

- Name
- Government Title
- Description of Responsibilities (sentence fragments and phrases are fine)
- Whether elected or appointed. If appointed, by whom.

Federal Government

The federal government’s powers are derived from Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution. They include taxation, coinage of money, regulation of commerce and the authority to provide for the national defense.

Identify *three* political leaders who represent you on the national level. On the next blank page in your notebook, list the following for each one you identify:

- Name
- Government Title
- Description of Responsibilities (sentence fragments and phrases are fine)
- Whether elected or appointed. If appointed, by whom.

Deliberate

Respond to the following questions in your notebook. Please incorporate the question into your response. You will use these notes during the Socratic Seminar in class. Review the Deliberation Rubric you took home to help you prepare for the Seminar.

- Why do you think government is divided into local, state and national levels?
- Is our federal democratic system effective? What are possible complications of our governmental structure?
- Which level of government has jurisdiction over the issues that concern me?

Update your Table of Contents to reflect additions to your notebook.

Submission:

Please place your composition notebook upright in the designated area when you arrive on Wednesday. I will review your notebook and comment as needed. I will return your notebook at roll call in class. If you have any questions, please ask! The dedicated email address for this class is WEBAmCiv@gmail.com.