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Oklahoma: Our History, Our Home

Chapter 19: Oklahoma Government

Many services are provided by the state government of Oklahoma. County and city governments have important roles, too. In this lesson, you will learn about the people elected to lead at the state and local levels.

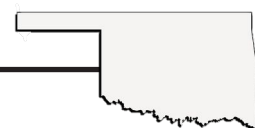
Instructions: Go to Oklahoma’s Official Web Site: <http://www.ok.gov>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click My Government. Click the link for Find My Legislator to the right. Use the information to complete the table.

Part I: My State Legislators

House of Representatives	District: Name: Address: Party:
State Senator	District: Name: Address: Party:

Part II: What have your lawmakers been working on?

Click here <http://www.oklegislature.gov>, select Legislation, and then click Basic Bill Search. Your teacher may give you information to look up a bill considered by the legislature (tip: click Bill Summary for a short overview of the bill). Write a short summary of the legislation and its status. Explain why the law might be needed and give reasons why you support or do not support the new law.



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Part III: Local Government Responsibilities

Your local government has responsibilities in your community. Find a local county or town government's website here: <http://okcounties.org>.

Read some of the items on the agenda or minutes of a recent meeting or take a look at some of their ordinances. Describe one of the ordinances or agenda items. Click [here for a sample ordinance](#).

What is the purpose of the ordinance or agenda item?	What are two arguments to support this ordinance or agenda item?	What are two arguments against this ordinance or agenda item?

Think about a problem in your town. Briefly describe an ordinance that you believe would help to solve the problem. Write a brief description of the ordinance, a consequence for violators, and two reasons why the ordinance should be adopted.

