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## Chapter 2: Government and Civics

### Section 1: What Is Government?

### Section 1: Branches of Government

**Directions:** Complete the chart by writing a definition and two facts for each branch of government.

#### Branches of Government

<p>Executive Branch</p> 	<p>Definition:</p> <p>Fact:</p> <p>Fact:</p>
<p>Legislative Branch</p> 	<p>Definition:</p> <p>Fact:</p> <p>Fact:</p>
<p>Judicial Branch</p> 	<p>Definition:</p> <p>Fact:</p> <p>Fact:</p>

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**Directions:** For each item, write the branch of government that best fits the description.

executive branch      legislative branch      judicial branch

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. House of Representatives and the Senate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Supreme Court
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. State Department, FBI, and other government agencies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. attorney general
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. interprets rulings and laws
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. investigates and carries out the laws
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. creates the budget and votes on laws
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. military leadership
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. judges, lawyers, and courts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. chief of staff, joint chiefs, and others who support the president

**Directions:** Choose one of the topics below. Write a complete paragraph to explain the topic.

- the role of a constitution and how having a constitution can protect citizens
- the way in which the three branches work together to govern a country

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