

Government and Citizenship Study Guide

The test will be similar to this study guide, but questions will be in a different order!

Write the branch of government that matches each statement. You will use them more than once.

Branches: **Executive Branch** **Legislative Branch** **Judicial Branch**

1. _____ makes the laws
2. _____ enforces the laws
3. _____ decides if people have broken laws, and if the laws are constitutional
4. _____ is headed by the Supreme Court
5. _____ is headed by Congress (the Senate & the House of Representatives)
6. _____ is headed by the President

Write the title of the person who leads each level of the Church leadership structure or of government in the United States.

Word Bank: **bishop** **governor** **mayor** **pastor** **pope** **president**

7. _____ parish
8. _____ diocese
9. _____ world-wide Catholic Church
10. _____ city or town
11. _____ state
12. _____ the United States of America



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Circle the answers to each question. Some questions will have more than one right answer - circle them all!

13. Which of the things listed below are **responsibilities** of citizens? Circle 4.

- (A) learning about candidates and issues, then voting
- (B) going to a free, public school
- (C) following laws
- (D) making laws
- (E) serving on jury duty
- (F) playing at the park
- (G) paying taxes

14. Which of the things listed below are **services** of city governments? Circle 3.

- (A) paying taxes
- (B) streets
- (C) emergency services (firefighters, police officers)
- (D) Catholic schools
- (E) public parks
- (F) grocery stores

15. Which of the things listed below are **services** of the national government? Circle 2.

- (A) paying taxes
- (B) military for protection
- (C) Catholic schools
- (D) printing money
- (E) printing newspapers

16. Which of the actions listed below are ways citizens can **cause changes in government**? Circle 3.

- (A) paying taxes
- (B) voting for different leaders
- (C) petitioning for a change in laws
- (D) serving on jury duty
- (E) contacting their representatives to tell their opinions
- (F) volunteering for community service

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Answer each question using complete, restating sentences. The first one is started for you.

17. Tell three of the rights that are part of the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights. Explain what each right allows citizens to do.

The right to _____ allows citizens to _____.

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18. What is the meaning of "common good" when we talk about the government?

19. Name one trait of a good, Catholic citizen. Give an example of how someone would show this trait.

20. Number these steps in the order that a law is made.

_____ People have an idea and contact their representative.

_____ The bill becomes a law.

_____ The Congress votes "yes" for the bill.

_____ The representative presents a bill to the Congress.

_____ The President signs the bill.

