



U.S. Government

Researching your Local Government
Leveled Assessment ____/4

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Directions: Use your notes, textbooks, and other reliable sources to answer the series of questions below regarding governments at the state and local level.

Thought Questions: Define and Explain

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1. Describe the different ways in which states are divided.
 - a. Counties
 - b. Parishes -
 - c. Boroughs -
 - d. Townships –
2. Describe the different ways in which municipalities are governed
 - a. Mayor-Council
 - b. Council-Manager
 - c. Commission System
3. Explain at least 5 services that Local Governments provide
4. Describe the different ways local governments finance these services
 - a. Property Tax -
 - b. Sales and Income tax –
 - c. State and Federal Funding –
5. Describe the unique ways citizens can participate in State and Local Governments
 - a. Initiative
 - b. Referendum
 - c. Recall

Thought Questions: Analyze

Directions: Use what you know, and information from the internet to answer the following series of questions.

1. How is the city government of the city you live in run? Do they have a mayor (strong or weak), city council? If the city has a mayor what is their name?

2. Go to your city's website. What type of resources are available on the website? How might that resource be helpful to a resident of the city? (find 4 resources)
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

 - d.

3. Do you think that the state government is running effectively right now? Format your answer using the assertion, reasoning, evidence method.
 - Assertion –

 - Reasoning –

 - Evidence –

4. Find out who each of the following people are and their contact information (phone or email)
 - a. Governor –

 - b. National State Senator 1 –

 - c. National State Senator 2 –

 - d. National State Representative –

 - e. State Level Representative –

 - f. State Level Senator –

5. What is the necessity of knowing who your representatives are and their contact information?