

Meet Michigan • Chapter 7 Study Guide



1. The three branches of the government tree represent:
 - a. the executive branch (governor)
 - b. the judicial branch (courts)
 - c. the legislative branch (lawmakers, including the House and Senate)
2. The trunk of the government tree represents the constitution.
3. Because everyone cannot take time to go to Lansing or Washington, D.C. to make our laws, we vote and elect people to go in our place or to represent us.
4. Each senator represents the same number of people. (The area of each district is adjusted so each one has the same number of people living in it.)
5. Levels of government...Who provides these services?
 - a. the Army and Air Force (national government)
 - b. puts up street signs and takes care of city parks (city government)
 - c. keep up state highways and parks (state government)
 - d. keeps records (county government)

6. The constitution is what we call the rule book of government.

7. We can change the constitution by voting to amend or change it. This creates an amendment.

8. If you are accused of doing a crime, you go to a court (the Judicial Branch) to see if you will be sent to jail or set free.

9. Rule of law means that we follow the laws and are not doing whatever we want.

10. Michigan's laws are made in our state capital, Lansing.

11. Taxes pay for government services.

12. Requirements to vote:

- a. must be 18 years old
- b. must be a citizen of the United States
- c. must live where they plan to vote

13. Four reasons we have government:

1. to provide services we cannot do by ourselves
2. to protect our rights
3. to make our laws
4. to give us leadership