Who Does What?

Read about the branches of state and national government.

SS24.2.2 "Identify the three branches of government and describe their roles. 2a Compare the state and national governments in respect to their powers, roles, and leaders."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the names of the three branches and circle the two leaders. Write S beside a state job and N beside a national job to show who does what.

Mia Asks About a Road Rule

1. At a town meeting, Mia hears about a road rule. Who makes rules? Each state has three branches of government. The legislative branch makes laws. The executive branch carries out laws. The judicial branch decides what laws mean.

2. The national government has these three branches, too. Congress makes national laws. The president leads the national executive branch. National courts hear cases about national laws. In a state, lawmakers make state laws. A governor leads the state's executive branch.

3. State courts hear cases about state laws. A state may set rules for its roads. The national government runs the mail service for all states. Both governments make laws, carry out laws, and have courts, but they serve different places.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who makes laws for a state? Who makes laws for the whole country?

2. Who leads a state's executive branch? Who leads the national executive branch?

3. Which government may set rules for its roads? Which government runs the mail service for all states?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a new rule for state roads. Write three sentences: tell your rule, name the state branch that could make it, and tell how the state executive branch could help carry it out.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the names of the three branches and circle the two leaders. Write S beside a state job and N beside a national job to show who does what. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who makes laws for a state? Who makes laws for the whole country?	**State lawmakers make state laws. Congress makes national laws.**
2	Who leads a state's executive branch? Who leads the national executive branch?	**A governor leads the state's executive branch. The president leads the national executive branch.**
3	Which government may set rules for its roads? Which government runs the mail service for all states?	**A state may set rules for its roads. The national government runs the mail service.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Bikes must have lights at night on state roads. The state legislative branch could make this law. The state executive branch could put up signs to tell people about it.

Accept any reasonable state road rule. The response should identify the state legislative branch as the lawmaker and give a sensible way the state executive branch could carry out the rule.