Who Does What?

Compare state and national government.

SS24.2.2a "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 two jobs of the state government, circle two jobs of the national government, and put a star by each leader. Use your marks to compare the governments.

A School Bus and a Mail Truck

1. On her way to school, Nia sees a school bus and a mail truck. She wonders who makes rules for each one. In the United States, state governments and the national government both make laws. They serve people in different ways.

2. A state government makes laws for its own state. It helps run public schools, like Nia's school. State lawmakers make state laws. A governor is a state leader who helps carry out state laws. Each state has its own governor.

3. The national government makes laws for the whole country. It runs the mail service that brings letters to Nia's home. Congress makes national laws. The president is a national leader who helps carry out national laws. The president serves all states.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How are the laws made by state lawmakers and Congress alike? How are they different?

2. How are the governor's and president's jobs alike? Which government does each serve?

3. How do the state and national governments help Nia in different ways?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Make up one mix-up a younger child might have about the state and national governments. Write what the child might say, then write two sentences to correct the mix-up by naming both leaders and comparing one job of each government.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two jobs of the state government, circle two jobs of the national government, and put a star by each leader. Use your marks to compare the governments. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are the laws made by state lawmakers and Congress alike? How are they different?	**Both groups make laws. State lawmakers make laws for their state, while Congress makes laws for the whole country.**
2	How are the governor's and president's jobs alike? Which government does each serve?	**Both help carry out laws. A governor serves a state government, while the president serves the national government.**
3	How do the state and national governments help Nia in different ways?	**The state government helps run her public school. The national government runs the mail service that brings letters to her home.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A younger child says the governor runs the mail service and the president helps run our school. The state government helps run public schools, and a governor is a state leader. The national government runs the mail service, and the president is a national leader.

Accept any clear comparison supported by the passage. In Part 3, the invented mix-up should be corrected with accurate jobs and leaders for both governments.