Who Does What?

Three jobs in our national government

2.C.1.3 "Identify the basic roles of national leaders including the President of the United States of America, members of the United States of America Congress, and justices of the Supreme Court."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each kind of national leader in the passage. Circle the words that tell what each one does.

A Road Safety Law

1. People across the country want safer roads. Members of Congress listen to ideas about a new road safety law. They talk about the plan and vote on it. Congress is the part of our national government that makes laws.

2. After Congress passes a bill, it goes to the President of the United States. The President can sign the bill to make it a law or veto it. The President also leads the part of the government that carries out laws.

3. Suppose someone says the new law goes against the Constitution. A case about the law may reach the Supreme Court. Supreme Court justices hear the case and decide what the Constitution means for it. They do not vote on bills in Congress.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which leaders talk about and vote on the road safety plan? What is their job?

2. Which leader can sign or veto the road safety bill? What else does this leader do?

3. If a case about the road safety law reaches the Supreme Court, which leaders hear it? What do they decide?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a bill to protect ocean animals. Write three sentences explaining what members of Congress and the President could do, and what Supreme Court justices could do if a case about the law reached their court.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each kind of national leader in the passage. Circle the words that tell what each one does. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which leaders talk about and vote on the road safety plan? What is their job?	**Members of Congress talk about and vote on the plan. Congress makes laws.**
2	Which leader can sign or veto the road safety bill? What else does this leader do?	**The President can sign or veto the bill and leads the part of government that carries out laws.**
3	If a case about the road safety law reaches the Supreme Court, which leaders hear it? What do they decide?	**Supreme Court justices hear the case and decide what the Constitution means for it.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Members of Congress could talk about and vote on a bill to protect ocean animals. The President could sign the bill into law or veto it. If a case about the law reaches the Supreme Court, its justices could decide what the Constitution means for that law.

Accept answers that correctly connect each leader to the role described in the passage. For Your Turn, the justices' role must depend on a case reaching the Supreme Court.