

Who Handles It?

Sort government jobs by the level that is responsible.

5.15 "Government. The student understands the framework of government created by the U.S. Constitution of 1787. The student is expected to: identify and explain the basic functions of the three branches of government..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

The national government makes decisions for the United States as one country. Its responsibilities reach across all the states.

Protecting the country with the armed forces.

STATE GOVERNMENT

A state government makes decisions for people living in its state. Its responsibilities focus on needs within that state.

Operating state parks.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle NATIONAL or STATE for each job, then choose two items and explain how you knew where each job belongs.

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| 1. Declaring war | ☐ NATIONAL | ☐ STATE |
| 2. Coining money for the United States | ☐ NATIONAL | ☐ STATE |
| 3. Issuing driver's licenses | ☐ NATIONAL | ☐ STATE |
| 4. Making treaties with other countries | ☐ NATIONAL | ☐ STATE |
| 5. Setting requirements for public schools | ☐ NATIONAL | ☐ STATE |
| 6. Creating counties and cities | ☐ NATIONAL | ☐ STATE |
| 7. Deciding who may become a U.S. citizen | ☐ NATIONAL | ☐ STATE |
| 8. Holding elections for governor | ☐ NATIONAL | ☐ STATE |

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PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new NATIONAL government responsibility and one new STATE government responsibility.

NATIONAL

STATE

CHALLENGE

Choose one NATIONAL item and one STATE item from Part 1. Write two sentences that explain why each job belongs at that level of government.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Declaring war	NATIONAL	Only the national government, through Congress, can declare war.
2	Coining money for the United States	NATIONAL	The Constitution gives the national government the power to coin money.
3	Issuing driver's licenses	STATE	Driver's licenses are issued by state governments.
4	Making treaties with other countries	NATIONAL	Treaties are agreements between the United States and other nations.
5	Setting requirements for public schools	STATE	States set many rules and requirements for their public schools.
6	Creating counties and cities	STATE	State governments create and organize local governments, such as counties and cities.
7	Deciding who may become a U.S. citizen	NATIONAL	Citizenship and naturalization are national government responsibilities.
8	Holding elections for governor	STATE	A governor is a state leader, so governor elections are state responsibilities.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **NATIONAL:** Sending ambassadors to other countries.
- **STATE:** Issuing fishing licenses.

Challenge: Making treaties belongs to the national government because it represents the United States in relationships with other countries. Issuing driver's licenses belongs to state government because each state manages licensing for its residents.

Accept other accurate examples that clearly belong to only one level of government. In Part 2, look for an explanation that connects the responsibility to the whole country or to one state.