

Three Levels, One Vote

Read how voting chooses leaders at different levels of government.

2.1.d “voting for local, state, and national representatives;”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the three bold phrases after the word choose, then write L above city council members, S above state representatives, and N above U.S. representatives.

Choosing Leaders

- ① People vote to choose leaders who make decisions for their communities. Elections can happen at local, state, and national levels. Each level of government has jobs that affect people's daily lives.
- ② In a local election, voters may choose **city council members**. City council members help make rules for a city. Their rules may be about parks, libraries, and streets. A city can have more than one council member.
- ③ In a state election, voters may choose **state representatives**, who help make state laws. In a national election, voters may choose **U.S. representatives**. They help make laws for the whole country. Each vote is one way people choose who will represent them.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which leaders may voters choose in a local election?

2 Complete the sentence: State representatives are chosen in a ____ election. U.S. representatives are chosen in a ____ election.

3 A voter wants to choose someone who helps make laws for the whole country. Which leaders should the voter choose?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write three sentences about leaders you would vote for. In order, name city council members with a city rule about parks, libraries, or streets, state representatives with a state law, and U.S. representatives with laws for the whole country.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the three bold phrases after the word choose, then write L above city council members, S above state representatives, and N above U.S. representatives. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which leaders may voters choose in a local election?	City council members.
2	Complete the sentence: State representatives are chosen in a ____ election. U.S. representatives are chosen in a ____ election.	state; national
3	A voter wants to choose someone who helps make laws for the whole country. Which leaders should the voter choose?	U.S. representatives.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would vote for city council members who will make good rules for parks. I would vote for state representatives who will help make fair state laws. I would vote for U.S. representatives who will make laws for the whole country.

Accept equivalent answers that correctly connect city council members to local elections, state representatives to state elections, and U.S. representatives to national elections. For the open response, accept reasonable personal choices when each leader is matched to the correct level and job.