

**Government structure graphic organizer – Answer key**

Level 	FEDERAL			STATE		
Branch 	JOB TITLE	JOB DESCRIPTION	QUALIFICATIONS	JOB TITLE	JOB DESCRIPTION	QUALIFICATIONS
<b>LEGISLATIVE</b>	<b>1.</b>  U.S. Congress: Senator or Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Write, debate, and pass bills, which are then passed on to the President for approval.</li> <li>- Make laws controlling trade between states and between the United States and other countries.</li> <li>- Make laws about taxes and borrowing money.</li> <li>- Approve the printing of money.</li> <li>- Can declare war on other countries.</li> </ul>	<u>U.S. Senators must:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- be at least 30 years old</li> <li>- be a U.S. citizen for at least 9 years</li> <li>- meet state residency requirements</li> </ul> <u>U.S. Representatives must:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- be at least 25 years old</li> <li>- be a U.S. citizen for at least 7 years</li> <li>- meet state residency requirements</li> </ul>	<b>4.</b>  N.C. General Assembly: State Senator or Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enact general and local laws that promote the best interests of the state</li> <li>- Establish rules and regulations governing the conduct of the people.</li> </ul>	<u>State Senators must:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- be at least 25 years old</li> <li>- be a qualified voter of the State</li> <li>- meet residency requirements (live in the state as a citizen for two years and in the district for which he is chosen for one year immediately preceding his election)</li> </ul> <u>State Representatives must:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- be a qualified voter of the State</li> <li>- meet residency requirements (a resident in the district for which he is chosen for one year immediately preceding his election)</li> </ul>
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>2.</b>  President of the United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- enforce laws</li> <li>- execute the powers of Commander in Chief (command military)</li> <li>- grant reprieves and pardons</li> <li>- make treaties</li> <li>- appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States</li> <li>- fill all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate</li> </ul>	Must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a natural born citizen of the U.S.</li> <li>- at least 35 years old</li> <li>- a resident of the U.S. for at least 14 years</li> </ul>	<b>5.</b>  Governor of North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- represent the state</li> <li>- provide information to the General Assembly</li> <li>- prepare the state budget</li> <li>- execute (carry out) laws</li> <li>- be Commander in Chief of state military forces</li> <li>- grant reprieves, commutations, and pardons</li> <li>- convene the General Assembly in extra session</li> <li>- Appoint government officers</li> <li>- Seek information from heads of administrative departments/agencies – reorganize administrative departments/agencies</li> </ul>	Must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- at least 30 years old</li> <li>- a citizen of the United States for five years</li> <li>- a resident of NC for two years</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUDICIAL</b></p>	<p><b>3.</b> Federal Court Judge  (Court levels: - Supreme - Appeals - District)</p>	<p>Courts decide arguments about the meaning of laws, how they are applied, and whether they break the rules of the Constitution.  . <i>(Article III, Section II describes the types of cases that are heard by the federal court system)</i></p>	<p>no requirements in order to be appointed a Justice, but all have been trained in the law</p>	<p><b>6.</b> State Judge  (Court levels: - Supreme - Appeals - Superior - District)</p>	<p>Work with the different levels to try cases that come through the state courts and ensure that the state runs according to Constitutional provisions  ("constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration")</p>	<p>Must be a lawyer ("persons duly authorized to practice law in the courts of this State")</p>
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