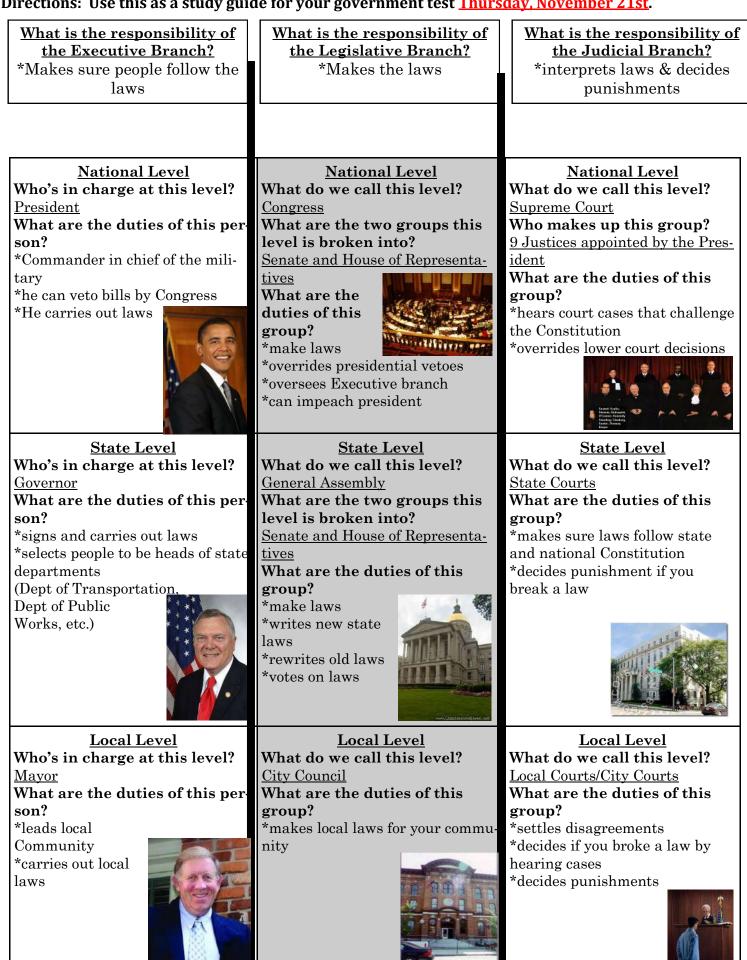
### **Government Study Guide**

#### Directions: Use this as a study guide for your government test Thursday, November 21st.





# <u>TAXES</u>

\*What are taxes and who has to pay them?

-taxes is money that citizens and businesses pay to the government **\*What types of taxes are there?** <u>Sales tax</u>-money we pay when we buy a good or a service at a business (restaurant, grocery store, toy store, etc.)

<u>Property tax</u>-money we pay yearly on the land our house sits on <u>Income tax</u>-money we pay from our paychecks

\*What is the tax money used for? Tax money is used for things such as: road repairs, police/fire protection, libraries, schools, and hospitals



# SEPARATION OF POWERS/

# CHECKS & BALANCES

\*What does 'separation of powers' mean? -Separation of Powers means that the 3 branches of government have different powers and different jobs to do.

\*What would happen if one branch had too much power?

-If one branch had too much power, it could run the government alone.

\*What does the separation of powers help protect?

-It helps to protect rights in a democracy. If one branch overlooks citizens' rights, the other two can stop it.

\*What example does the book use to show you how the Judicial branch can check the Legislative branch (Congress)?

-The Judicial Branch decides if a law the Congress made obeys the Constitution.

\*What is it called when branches are able to check other branches?

-Checks and balances

\*What happens when branches have different powers?

-When branches have different powers, one branch cannot become too strong.