

Georgia's Government EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Presentation, Graphic Organizers, & Activities

Qualifications

- The executive branch is the largest branch and is responsible for enforcing Georgia's laws.
- The governor is the chief executive office of the state and heads the executive branch.
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Governor Nathan Deal Signs All Alert Law

Executive Branch CLOZE Notes I

Qualifications

- The executive branch is the largest branch and is responsible for _____ of the state and heads the executive branch.
- In order to become governor, a candidate must:
 - Be at least _____
 - Be a US citizen for at least _____
 - Be a Georgia resident for at least _____

Elections

- To become governor, a candidate must win a statewide election by _____.
- Once in office, she serves a four-year term with a total of _____ allowed.

Duties

- The Georgia Constitution outlines the governor's formal _____ and tasks, including proposing and _____ and laws, and proposing and _____.
- She also has the power to call special sessions _____.
- The governor is also the _____ Georgia's military.

Lieutenant Governor

- The lieutenant governor serves as the _____ of the state and is first in line to _____ the governor.
- The lieutenant governor is also elected by _____.
- She also serves a four-year term, but _____.
- The lieutenant governor _____ the current governor is unable to serve a complete term.
- As _____, she chooses committee chairs _____.
- The lieutenant governor is also _____ which the governor assigns to her _____.

The Bright Idea

How do state agencies and departments help the executive branch do its job?



Georgia's Executive Branch

Directions: Complete the chart below after discussing the presentation.

	Governor	Lieutenant Governor
Qualifications		
Term of Office		

Executive Branch Day Planner

Directions: Imagine that you are either the governor or lieutenant governor of Georgia. Create a day planner that details what you will be doing each hour of the day. Start with the hour of the day you would probably wake up and end with the hour you would probably go to sleep. Include an entry for every hour between those two events. Remember the governor's duties and responsibilities when creating your schedule.

STANDARDS:

SS8CG3 The student will analyze the role of the executive branch in Georgia state government.

- a. Explain the qualifications, term, election, and duties of the governor and lieutenant governor.
- b. Describe the organization of the executive branch, with emphasis on major policy areas of state programs; include education, human resources, public safety, transportation, economic development, and natural resources.
- c. Evaluate how the executive branch fulfills its role through state agencies that administer programs and enforce laws.

TEACHER INFO: CLOZE Notes

- The next pages are handouts for the students to use for note-taking during the presentation. (Print front to back to save paper and ink.)
- Check the answers as a class after the presentation.

Executive Branch CLOZE Notes 1

Qualifications

- The executive branch is the largest branch and is responsible for _____.
- The governor is the _____ of the state and heads the executive branch.
- In order to become governor, a candidate must:
 1. Be at least _____.
 2. Be a US citizen for at least _____.
 3. Be a Georgia resident for at least _____.

Elections

- To become governor, a candidate must win a statewide election by _____.
- Once in office, s/he serves a four-year term, with a total of _____ allowed.

Duties

- The Georgia Constitution outlines the governor's formal _____.
- They include enforcing laws, appointing people to state offices, _____, suggesting new state programs and laws, and proposing and _____.
- S/he also has the power to call special sessions of the legislature and can _____.
- The governor is also the _____ of Georgia's military.

Lieutenant Governor

- The lieutenant governor serves as the state's second highest ranking executive officer and is first in line to _____.
- Candidates must meet the _____ as governor.
- The lieutenant governor is also elected by popular vote, but _____ as the governor.
- S/he also serves a four-year term, but there is _____ of terms.
- The lieutenant governor _____ if the current governor is unable to serve a complete term.
- As _____, s/he decides committee memberships and chooses committee chairs.
- The lieutenant governor is also _____ that which the governor assigns to her/him.

Executive Branch CLOZE Notes 2

State Agencies

- In addition to governor and lieutenant governor, Georgians also _____ who serve as _____.
- These officers are elected at the same time and _____ as the governor.
- They include: the secretary of state, state attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of labor, commissioner of insurance, and the _____.
- These agencies oversee departments by _____ to the governor so that state programs run smoothly and _____.

Departments

- The executive branch also includes a large number of _____ that focus on major policy areas.
- The governor _____ of the following departments.

1. **Department of Education (DOE):** Oversees Georgia's _____ and how it is funded; certifies teachers, approves textbooks, and distributes funds
2. **Department of Human Resources (DHR):** One of the largest state agencies; services include _____, family and children's services, and mental health.
3. **Department of Public Safety (DPS):** Responds to _____, helps public safety agencies reduce crime, and enforces traffic laws.
4. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Oversees work and construction on roads and bridges, provides transportation information, _____.
5. **Department of Economic Development (DED):** _____ through local and international business expansion, technology development, tourism, _____, and music.
6. **Department of Natural Resources (DNR):** Helps protect and conserve resources by _____, state parks, and fishing and wildlife areas; runs programs to keep Georgia's air and water clean

Georgia's Government Executive Branch

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Qualifications

- The executive branch is the largest branch and is responsible for enforcing Georgia's laws.
- The governor is the chief executive officer of the state and heads the executive branch.
- In order to become governor, a candidate must:
 - A. Be at least 30 years old
 - B. Be a US citizen for at least 15 years
 - C. Be a Georgia resident for at least 6 years

Georgia's Governor's Mansion



Elections

- To become governor, a candidate must win a statewide election by popular vote.
- Once in office, s/he serves a four-year term, with a total of two consecutive terms allowed.



Eugene
Talmadge



Jimmy Carter

Ellis Arnall



Duties

- The Georgia Constitution outlines the governor's formal powers and duties.
- They include enforcing laws, appointing people to state offices, signing bills into laws, suggesting new state programs and laws, and proposing and directing the state budget.
- S/he also has the power to call special sessions of the legislature and can veto legislation.
- The governor is also the commander-in-chief of Georgia's military.



Governor Nathan Deal Signs 911 Alert Law

Lt. Governor

- The lieutenant governor serves as the state's second highest ranking executive officer and is first in line to take the governor's place.
- Candidates must meet the same qualifications as governor.
- The lieutenant governor is also elected by popular vote, but does not run on the same ticket as the governor.
- S/he also serves a four-year term, but there

Lt. Governor

- The lieutenant governor serves as governor if the current governor is unable to serve a complete term.
- As president of the Senate, s/he decides committee memberships and chooses committee chairs.
- The lieutenant governor is also responsible for any duties that which the governor assigns to her/him.

State Agencies

- In addition to governor and lieutenant governor, Georgians also elect other public officials who serve as part of the executive branch.
- These officers are elected at the same time and serve the same term as the governor.
- They include: the secretary of state, state attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of labor, commissioner of insurance, and the state school superintendent.
- These agencies oversee departments by developing policies and providing feedback to the governor so that state programs run smoothly and laws are enforced.

Departments

- The executive branch also includes a large number of state programs and departments that focus on major policy areas.
- The governor appoints the leaders of the following departments.
 - 1. Department of Education (DOE):**
Oversees Georgia's public school system and how it is funded; certifies teachers, approves textbooks, and distributes funds.

Department of Education



Departments

2. Department of Human Resources (DHR):

One of the largest state agencies; services include assisting the elderly, family and children's services, and mental health.

3. Department of Public Safety (DPS):

Responds to natural and manmade disasters, helps public safety agencies reduce crime, and enforces traffic laws.

4. Department of Transportation (DOT):

Oversees work and construction on roads and bridges, provides transportation information, issues drivers licenses.

Department of Public Safety



Department of Transportation



Departments

5. Department of Economic Development (DED): Supports the economy through local and international business expansion, technology development, tourism, film, and music.

6. Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Helps protect and conserve resources by managing historic sites, state parks, and fishing and wildlife areas; runs programs to keep Georgia's air and water clean.



Department of Economic Development





Department of Natural
Resources

TEACHER INFO: Graphic Organizer

- Print off the following page for each student.
- They should complete the chart after discussing the presentation.

Georgia's Executive Branch

Directions: Complete the chart below after discussing the presentation.

	Governor	Lieutenant Governor
Qualifications		
Term of Office		
Election		
Duties		

Georgia's Executive Branch

Directions: Complete the chart below after discussing the presentation.

	Governor	Lieutenant Governor
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 years old • US citizen for 15 years • GA resident for 6 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same
Term of Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years • 2 consecutive terms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years • No limit on number of terms
Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected by citizens every four years • Does not run on same ticket or need to be from the same party as lieutenant governor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected by citizens every 4 years • Does not run on same ticket as governor
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of state and leader of executive branch • Commander-in-chief of GA's military • Can veto legislation • Signs bills into laws • Appoints people to state offices • Can call special sessions of legislature • Proposes and directs state budget • Suggests new state programs and laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any duties given by governor • Serves as governor if current governor can't • President of the Senate—decides committee memberships and chooses committee chairs

TEACHER INFO: Day in the Life

- Print out the Day Planner handout for each student.
- The students will imagine that they are either the governor or lieutenant governor of Georgia (present day).
- They will create a day planner (schedule) that outlines what they will be doing each hour of the day, from the time they get up until they go to sleep.
- Remind the students to think about what the governor's duties and responsibilities are when creating the schedule.

Executive Branch Day Planner

Directions: Imagine that you are either the governor or lieutenant governor of Georgia. Create a day planner that details what you will be doing each hour of the day. Start with the hour of the day you would probably wake up and end with the hour you would probably go to sleep. Include an entry for every hour between those two events. Remember the governor's duties and responsibilities when creating your schedule.

An open notebook with two blank, lined pages. The notebook has a grey cover and a central binding with two rows of three holes each. The left page has a blue tab on the left edge. The right page has a green tab, an orange tab, a yellow tab, and a pink tab on the right edge.

TEACHER INFO: Memory Clues

- Print off Memory Clues chart for each student.
- They should complete the chart after discussing the presentation.
- The students should write a brief description of each state department, as well as draw a symbol to help them remember the department's purpose.

Executive Branch Memory Clues

Directions: Complete the chart below with a description of each department and a symbol to help you remember the department's purpose.

	DOE	DHR	DPS	DOT	DED	DNR
Description						
Symbol						

Executive Branch Memory Clues

Directions: Complete the chart below with a description of each department and a symbol to help you remember the department's purpose.

	DOE	DHR	DPS	DOT	DED	DNR
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Education • Certifies teachers • Approves texts • Distributes funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Human Resources • Assistance for aging • Family and children's services • Mental health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Public Safety • Enforces traffic laws • Helps reduce crime • Responds to manmade and natural disasters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Transportation • Plans, constructs, and maintains roads and bridges • Provides transportation info • Drivers' licenses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Economic Development • Supports economy through local and international business expansion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Natural Resources • Helps conserve and protect natural and cultural resources • Manages state parks, historic landmarks, and fishing and wildlife areas
Symbol						

TEACHER INFO: Job Application

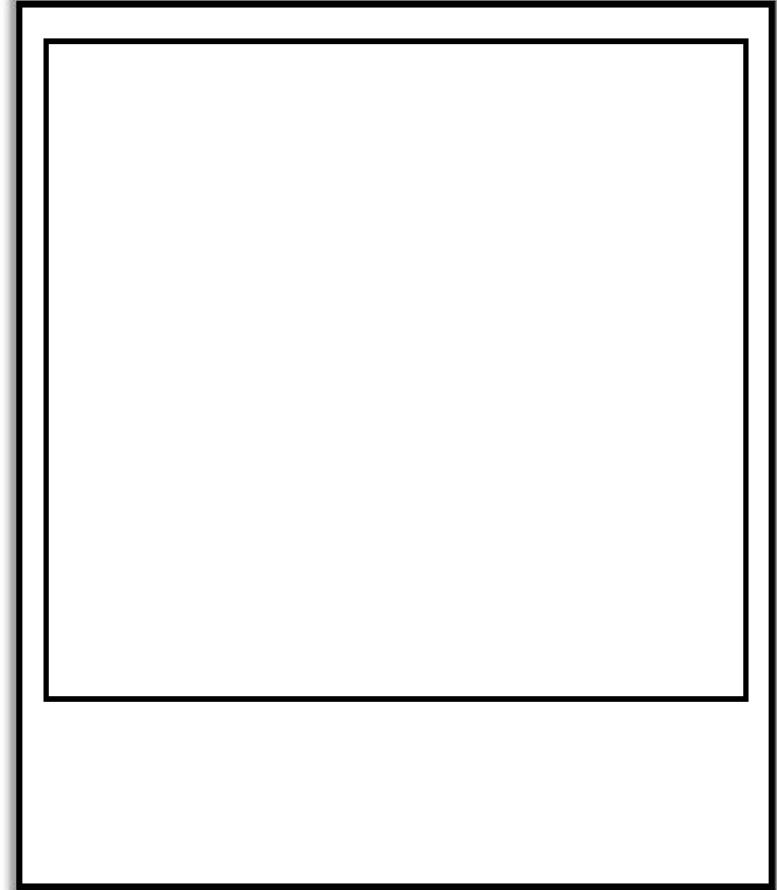
- Print off the Job Application handout for each student.
- The students will choose one of the executive branch positions that was discussed during this lesson (governor, lieutenant governor, member of a specific state department/agency) and complete a job application as if they are applying for that position.

Executive Branch Job Application

Applicant:

Position Applying For:

- Why are you interested in this position?
- Do you have any previous experience in this profession? Please explain.
- How are you qualified for this position?



Your Skills in Action

TEACHER INFO: Executive Branch Emails

- Print off the Emails handout for each student.
- The students will choose two state departments and write emails from the perspective of a member of each one.
- The emails should include an update on what the department has been working on and any problems that they've recently encountered.

TEACHER INFO: True/False Review

- Print off the cards on the following page (or have students quickly make their own on scrap paper).
- Project the True/False statements and have the students hold up the correct end of the card.
- After you scan to see the students answers, display the Answer slide.

TRUE

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FALSE

TRUE

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FALSE

True or False?

The executive branch of Georgia's government is responsible for making laws.

ANSWER:

**False –
enforcing laws**

True or False?

The lieutenant
governor of Georgia
must be at least 35
years old.

ANSWER:

False - 30

True or False?

The governor of Georgia has the power to veto bills passed by the General Assembly.

ANSWER:

True!

True or False?

The governor of Georgia appoints members of some state boards.

ANSWER:

True!

True or False?

The governor of Georgia appoints members of some state boards.

ANSWER:

True!

True or False?

The governor of Georgia is the president of the Senate and appoints committee chairs.

ANSWER:

**False –
Lieutenant
Governor**

True or False?

The Department of
Natural Resources
protects historic Civil
War sites in
Georgia.

ANSWER:

True!

True or False?

The Department of
Human Resources
works with movie-
making studios in
Georgia.

ANSWER:

**False –
Department of
Economic
Development**

True or False?

The Department of Public Safety provides assistance for the elderly in Georgia.

ANSWER:

**False –
Department of
Human
Resources**

True or False?

The Department of Education oversees the adoption of new textbooks.

ANSWER:

True!

True or False?

The Department of
Transportation
repairs potholes on
Georgia's highways.

ANSWER:

True!

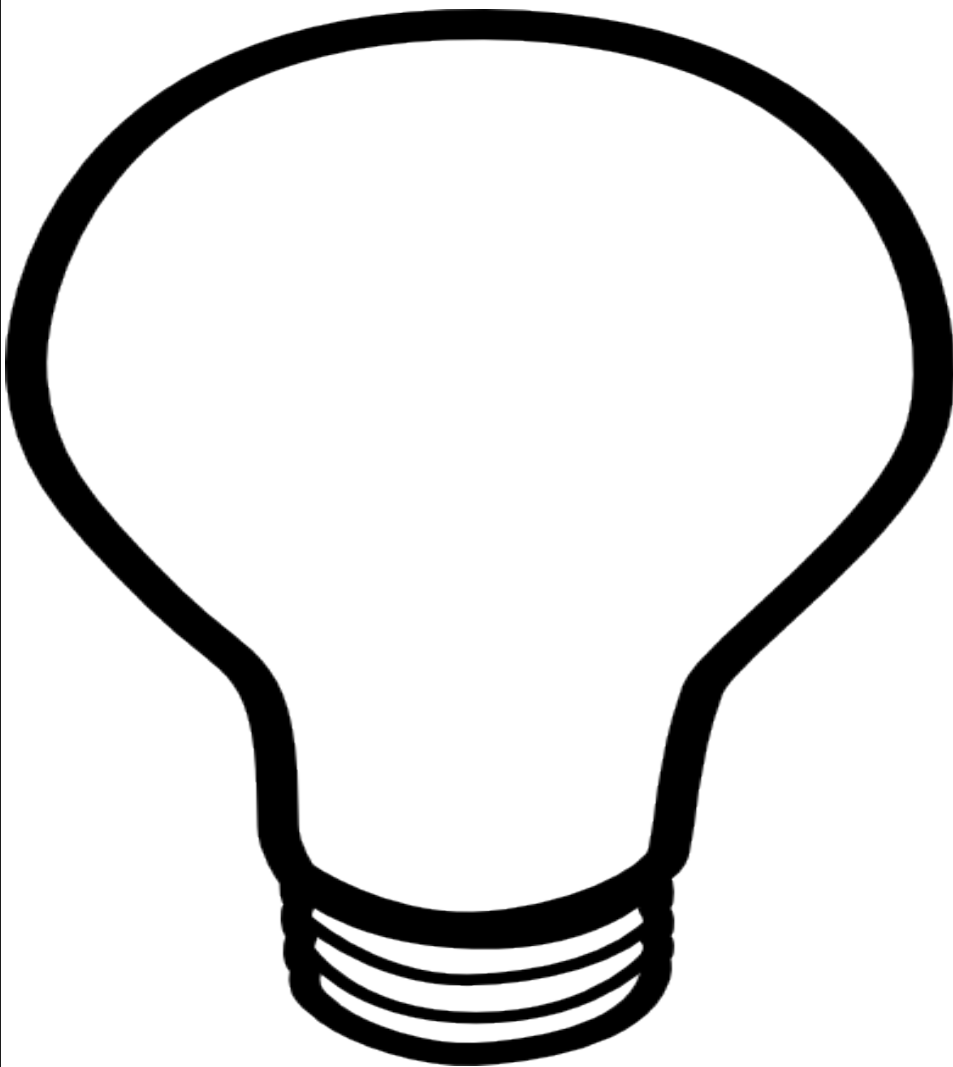
TEACHER INFO: TICKET OUT THE DOOR

- Print out the The Bright Idea ticket for each student (two-per-page).
- During the last 5 minutes or so of class, have the students answer the question on the lightbulb.
- Before the next class, quickly read over students' answers and discuss any misconceptions students had—make sure they all know the correct answer.

Name:

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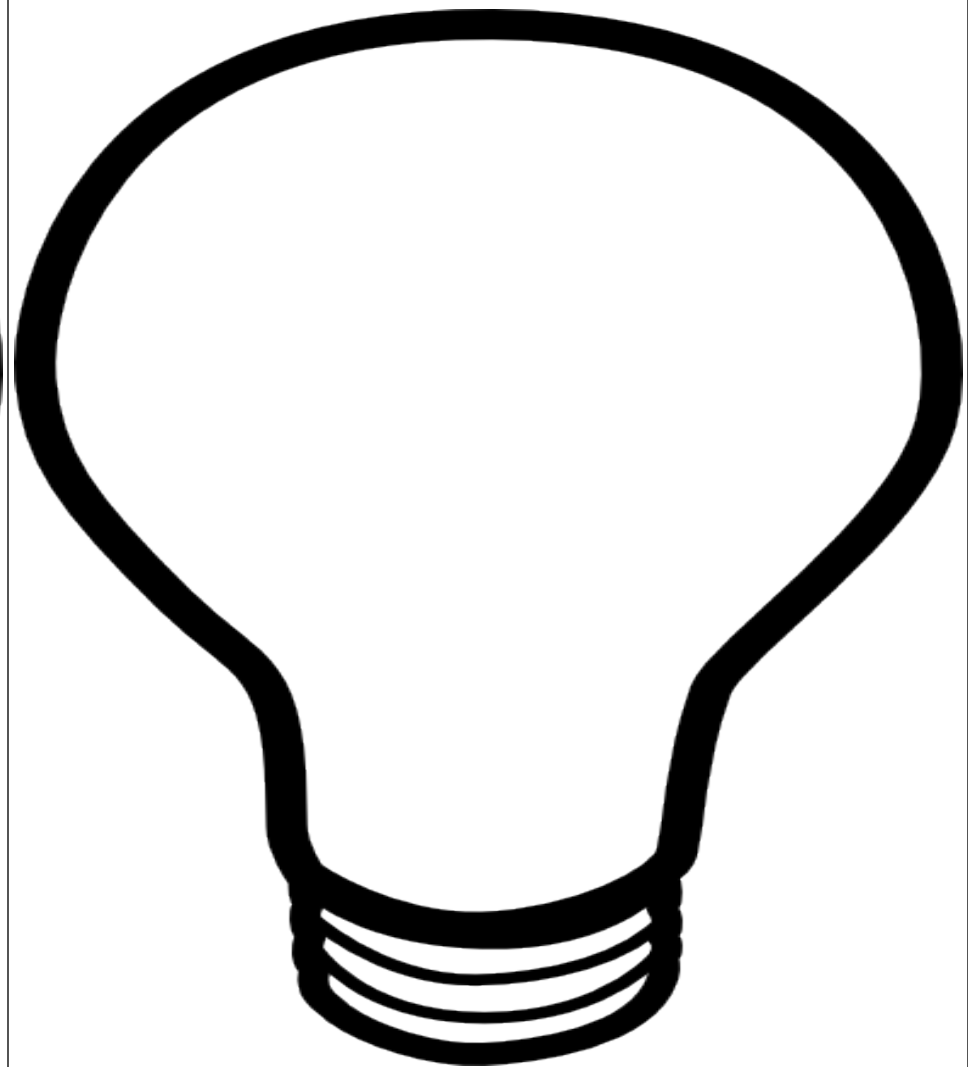
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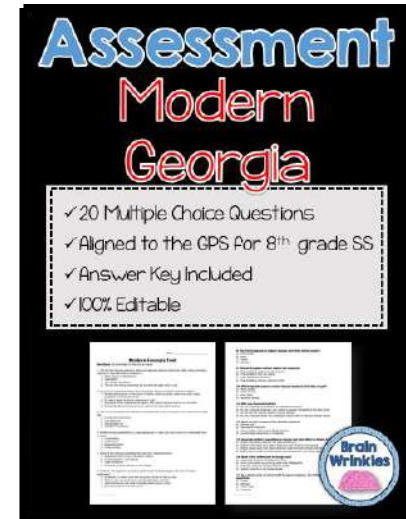
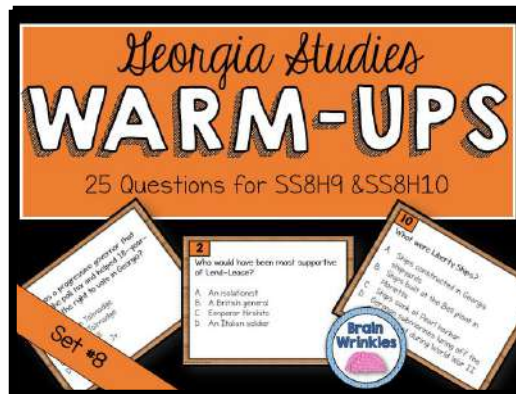
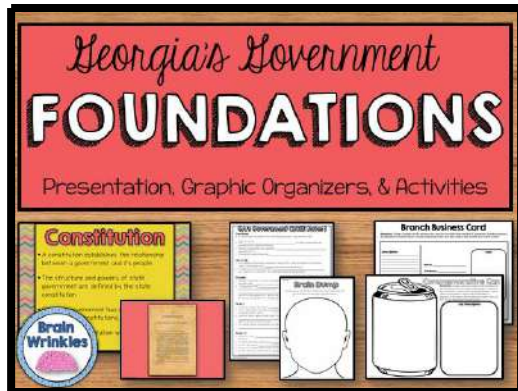
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