

CE 8a/b/c

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Vocabulary 8a/b/c

- 1. City Council- cities level of legislative branch, normally elected by the people.
- 2. Mayor-local level of executive branch.
- 3. Annual-means it happens every year.
- 4. Budget-a layout of money that is paid and received.
- 5. Board of Supervisors-group of elected officials in which make decisions for the county.
- 6. Public Health and Safety- job held by the state.
- 7. Levy- to impose or collect, usually done by government.
- 8. Tax- money paid to government for public services.
- 9. Charter- a basic plan for local government, that defines its power
- 10. Ordinances- laws that are passed at the local level.
- 11. County-a division of government formed to carry out state laws, collect taxes, and supervise elections.
- 12. City- the largest type of municipality.
- 13. Municipality-unit of local government that is incorporated by the state.

8a Notes

- The units of local government in Virginia are counties, towns, and cities. Local governments exercise legislative, executive, and judicial powers.
- Each Virginia county has an elected board of supervisors, which exercises legislative powers, enacting ordinances (local laws) and adopting an annual budget.
- Each Virginia county and city has an elected or appointed school board, which oversees the operation of the K–12 public schools in the county or city.
- Each Virginia incorporated town has an elected town council, which exercises legislative powers, enacting ordinances and adopting an annual budget. A mayor is elected either by the voters or the town council members.

8a Notes Continues

- Each Virginia city has an elected city council, which exercises legislative powers, enacting ordinances and adopting an annual budget. A mayor is elected either by the voters or the city council members.
- In Virginia counties, towns, and cities, a manager may be hired by the elected legislative branch to oversee the operations of the local government.
- In every Virginia locality, state courts resolve judicial disputes. Judges of the circuit courts, district courts, juvenile and domestic relations courts, and small claims courts hear cases in each locality.
- The Virginia Constitution requires that voters in every locality elect a sheriff, a clerk of the circuit court, a commissioner of revenue, and a treasurer.

8a Notes Continues

- Virginia local governments exercise defined and limited powers, including the power to
 - enforce state and local laws
 - promote public health
 - protect public safety
 - educate children
 - protect the environment
 - regulate land use
 - levy and collect taxes.

8 b/c Notes

- All powers of local governments in Virginia are given to them by the Constitution of Virginia and acts of the General Assembly.
- Not all counties and cities are given the same powers. Cities have charters listing their powers.
- An elected board of supervisors is the local legislative body in counties and is responsible for passing laws (ordinances) for the county.
- An elected council is the local legislative body in independent cities and incorporated towns.
- Individuals can have the greatest influence on the decisions made by local government officials.

Guided Reading

- Read and complete pgs 67-72 in Coachbook
- Complete pgs. 28-31 in Guided Reading Strategies workbook