

Texas Today *Grade Level*

Unit 9: Reconstruction

Name: Date: Period:

Part I: Matching

Directions: Use the information in the readings about the different levels of government to answer the questions that follow.

Levels of Government

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| ___1) State | A) Passing, enforcing, and interpreting the laws of Texas. |
| ___2) County | B) Managing the day-to-day responsibilities and services of a city. |
| ___3) Municipal | C) Carrying out the functions mandated by the laws of state. |

Branches of Government at the State Level

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| ___1) Executive | A) Interpret the state laws and resolve legal disputes. |
| ___2) Legislative | B) Pass laws and taxes for the state. |
| ___3) Judicial | C) Enforce state laws and manage state operations. |

Part II: Comprehension Questions

1. How does the government pay for the services it provides?
 - a. The state government alone has the power to pass and enact taxes which the citizens of the state pay.
 - b. The state, county, and municipal governments have the power to pass and enact taxes in order to pay for necessary services.
 - c. The state of Texas funds its programs and services through the revenue accrued as a result of its lucrative oil and gas industry.
 - d. Profits from inter-state commerce provide the majority of funds to pay for essential services like police forces and fire departments.

2. Read each statement in the chart below and place a checkmark under the level of government which best fits the statement. Some statements may be true for more than one level of government.

Function	Municipal	County	State
Carries out the mandatory functions required by the laws of the state.			
Maintains safe streets and parks and provides services like police and fire departments.			
Passes taxes to pay for the services provided to citizens.			
Conducts elections and manages courts and jails.			
Runs departments including Health and Human Services and Parks and Wildlife.			
Contains a commissioner's court elected from different precincts.			
Contains the Senate, which is presided over by the Lieutenant Governor, and the House of Representatives.			
Contains the Supreme Courts which interpret the laws and settle legal disputes.			
Provides citizens with necessary day-to-day services like clean water, sewage, and garbage removal.			

Directions: Use the internet to answer the remaining questions.

- Who is the current Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Texas?
- Which Texas senate district do you live in, and who is the senator for your district? (txdot.gov provides an accurate, up-to-date map)
- Which Texas representative district do you live in, and who is the representative for your district? (txdot.gov provides an accurate, up-to-date map)