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Chapter 4

Vocabulary Crossword

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle to test your vocabulary on this chapter.

Across

- 1. a document that explains a government’s purpose, describes its organization, and states its powers
- 4. an organization of people who come together because they have similar ideas about how government should operate
- 8. a system that uses earlier decisions—called precedents—as guidelines

Down

- 2. the power given to political subdivisions to govern their own affairs
- 3. a division of power between the federal and state governments
- 4. information spread widely to promote or discourage a particular proposal or political point of view
- 5. a category of less serious crimes
- 6. the primary local government division
- 7. the governing body for most parishes
- 9. a category of serious crimes



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Section 1

What Does Democracy Mean?

Directions: Have you ever thought about the meaning of the word democracy? Read the first page of Section 1. After reading this page, create a word bank of five terms or phrases connected with democracy. Next, read what others have said about democracy. Then interpret each quotation's meaning by paraphrasing it in your own words. Hint: You may want to use some of the words from your word bank when writing your interpretations of the quotations.

Word Bank

1. "Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible, but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary."—Reinhold Niebuhr

Your Interpretation: _____

2. "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."—Thomas Jefferson

Your Interpretation: _____

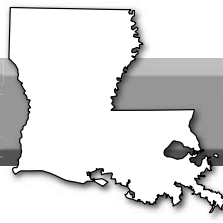
3. "People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote—a very different thing."
—Walter H. Judd

Your Interpretation: _____

4. "Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people"—Abraham Lincoln

Your Interpretation: _____

In Your Own Words: Write your own quotation about the concept of democracy. _____



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Section 1

Preamble Comparisons

Directions: A preamble is an introductory statement. The two preambles below introduce constitutions. Read each preamble and answer the questions that follow.

Preamble to the United States Constitution

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Preamble to the 1974 Louisiana Constitution

We, the people of Louisiana, grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political, economic, and religious liberties we enjoy, and desiring to protect individual rights to life, liberty, and property; afford opportunity for the fullest development of the individual; assure equality of rights; promote the health, safety, education, and welfare of the people; maintain a representative and orderly government; ensure domestic tranquility; provide for the common defense; and secure the blessings of freedom and justice to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution.

- How many words are in each preamble? _____

- According to each preamble, who is recognized as the source of political or governmental power? _____

- What are the six purposes noted in the preamble for establishing the United States Constitution? _____

- According to the preamble, what three specific individual rights was the Louisiana Constitution established to protect? _____

- Besides the phrase "We the People," list one other phrase (three words or more) used by both preambles.



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Section 2

Requirements of State Office

Directions, Part 1: Complete the chart listing the requirements, term of office, and duties for each of these state elected officials.

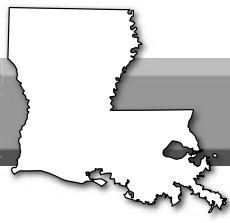
Office	Requirements	Term of Office	Duties
Governor			
State Representative and State Senator			
Supreme Court Justice	Resident of the district for 2 years Practicing law in the state for 10 years		

Directions, Part 2: Answer the questions below about state government.

- Besides the governor, who are the six executive branch officials also elected by statewide vote? _____

- How many legislators total serve in the Louisiana state legislature? How many of these are state representatives?
How many are state senators? _____

- How many justices serve on the Louisiana Supreme Court? Where do the justices meet to hear cases? _____



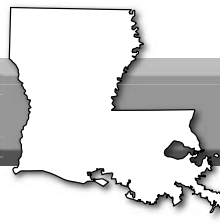
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Section 3 Parish Seats

Directions: Use the map in your textbook or another reference source to locate the parish seat of each parish in Louisiana. Write the name of each parish seat on the map in the parish where it is located.





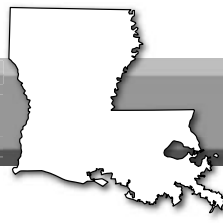
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Section 3

How the Parishes Got Their Names

Directions: Use the information in Appendix IV of your textbook on Louisiana’s parishes to complete the following chart.

Named in Connection with Native Americans	
Named in Connection with the Colonial Period	
Named in Connection with Religion	
Named for American Statesmen and Politicians	
Named for U.S. Presidents	
Named in Connection with Waterways	
Named for Confederates	
Named for Louisiana’s Political Leaders	
Other	

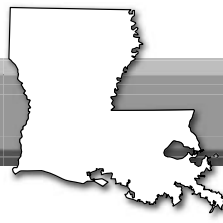


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Section 4**Right or Responsibility?**

Directions: Read the statements below about citizenship. Decide whether the statement involves a “right” of citizenship or a “responsibility” of citizenship and place your answer in the blank by each statement. One or more statements may involve both!

1. _____ Worshipping and practicing your faith based on your beliefs
2. _____ Serving on a jury when summoned by the court
3. _____ A willingness to be accountable for your personal conduct
4. _____ Casting your vote in the next election
5. _____ Respecting the rights of your neighbors
6. _____ Speaking your mind on various topics or issues
7. _____ Paying taxes you owe to the local, state, or federal government
8. _____ Assembling to protest a government decision with which you disagree
9. _____ Obeying the laws of the state, such as the speed limit
10. _____ Writing a blog that criticizes an elected official and publishing it on the Internet



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Chapter Review

Directions: Review Chapter 4, and then answer the questions below.

1. _____ Which term refers to the system through which a community is organized?
2. _____ In a federal system, the national and the local or state government share the power?
3. _____ How many state constitutions has Louisiana had in its history?
4. _____ What are the three branches of state government?

5. _____ The head of the executive branch in Louisiana state government is the attorney general or the governor?
6. _____ Which bird appears on Louisiana's state flag, the pelican or the seagull?
7. _____ Which term refers to two chambers or houses?
8. _____ In the Louisiana state legislature, there are 105 representatives or senators?
9. _____ If two different versions of a bill pass both the House and the Senate, a conference committee or a standing committee meet to work out the differences?
10. _____ The laws of a state are divided into two categories: criminal law and administrative law or civil law?
11. _____ Does the largest source of revenue for the Louisiana state government come from the income tax or the sales tax?
12. _____ Does the term "parish" (the primary local government division in Louisiana) come from the French colonial period or the Spanish colonial period?
13. _____ Which term refers to the governing body for most parishes?
14. _____ The 24th or the 26th amendment to the U.S. Constitution lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 years of age?
15. _____ Louisiana statewide elections use a closed or open primary system?