Day 111: Alabama's Three Branches of Government

Branch | Who is in it | Its job

Legislative | The Alabama Legislature: Senate and House of Representatives | ____

Executive | The governor | ____

Judicial | The state courts, including the Supreme Court of Alabama | ____

1. Fill in the job of each branch in the table.

2. How many members does the Alabama Senate have? How many does the Alabama House of Representatives have?

3. Why does Alabama's government have three branches instead of one?

Day 112: Local, State and National Government

Job | Local, state or national?

Fixing a pothole on a city street | ____

Printing paper money | ____

Running a state park | ____

Delivering the mail | ____

Running the city fire department | ____

Making laws for driver's licenses in Alabama | ____

1. Fill in the table: write local, state or national for each job.

2. Who leads a city government? Who leads a state government? Who leads the national government?

3. The streetlight on your block is broken. Which level of government would you contact? Explain.

Day 113: Voting and the Secret Ballot

Choice | Tally | Votes
Picnic | |||| || | 7
Movie | |||| | 5
Game day | |||| |||| | 9

1. Which choice won the library club vote? How many votes did it get?

2. Why do many votes use a secret ballot?

3. Who can vote in Alabama's public elections?

Day 114: Hands-On: A Family Vote

1. What did your family vote on? List the choices.

2. Which choice won, and how many votes did it get?

3. How did using a secret ballot help make your vote fair?

Day 115: Independent Check: Government, Voting and Choices

1. Name the three branches of government. Tell the job of one of them.

2. Write local, state or national for each: a city council, the Alabama Legislature, Congress.

3. A town council has money for a new fire truck or a new park, but not both. The council votes and chooses the fire truck. What is scarce? What does the town give up? Is putting out fires a good or a service?