Grade 2 | HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

WEEK 5 • PRACTICE WORKBOOK • DAYS 21–25

Read the matching lesson in the Week 5 Student Textbook first. Write each answer on the line below its question. Day 25 is answered on your own.

Day 21: Why Government Has Three Branches

The three branches

Branch	Main job	Who
Legislative	Makes laws	Congress
Executive	Carries out laws	The President
Judicial	Decides what laws mean	The Supreme Court and other courts

1. Which branch makes laws?

   Answer:

2. Who leads the executive branch?

   Answer:

3. Explain how having three branches is like a game with fair rules and a referee.

   Answer:

Day 22: The Legislative Branch: Congress

Congress

Part	How many members
Senate	2 from each state, 100 in all
House of Representatives	Based on how many people live in each state, 435 in all

1. What are the two parts of Congress?

   Answer:

2. How many members does the Senate have in all?

   Answer:

3. Explain why a state with many people has more members in the House than a state with few people.

   Answer:

Day 23: The Executive Branch: The President

A bill becomes a law (the usual way)

Step	What happens
1	Congress writes and votes on a bill
2	The bill goes to the President
3	The President signs it, and it becomes a law

1. Which branch does the President lead?

   Answer:

2. How often do citizens vote for President?

   Answer:

3. Explain how Congress and the President both have a part in making a law.

   Answer:

Day 24: The Judicial Branch: The Courts

Which branch?

Job	Branch
Votes on a bill	?
Signs a bill into law	?
Decides whether a law follows the Constitution	?

1. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

   Answer:

2. Which branch decides whether a law follows the Constitution?

   Answer:

3. Fill in the branch for each job in the chart, and explain how the three jobs work together.

   Answer:

Day 25: Independent Check: Three Branches

News report (written for this lesson)

This week, Congress voted on a new bill to protect national parks. The bill passed the Senate and the House. Next it will go to the President. If it becomes law and someone believes it breaks the Constitution, the courts may decide.

Answer on your own. An adult may read the questions aloud but should not give the answers.

1. Which branch voted on the bill?

   Answer:

2. Where does the bill go next?

   Answer:

3. Name each branch in the news report and explain its part.

   Answer: