

Chapter 4 | Louisiana's Government

Standard 6 - Government: Purposes, Foundation, and Structure: Students examine the foundation, structure, and purposes of Louisiana government and the correlations between local, state, and federal governments.

GLE 8.6.2 Compare and contrast the preambles of the Louisiana and United States Constitutions.

GLE 8.6.3 Describe the role of various forms of local government in Louisiana.

Use the four sources and your knowledge of social studies to answer the questions.

Source 1: The Three Branches of Government

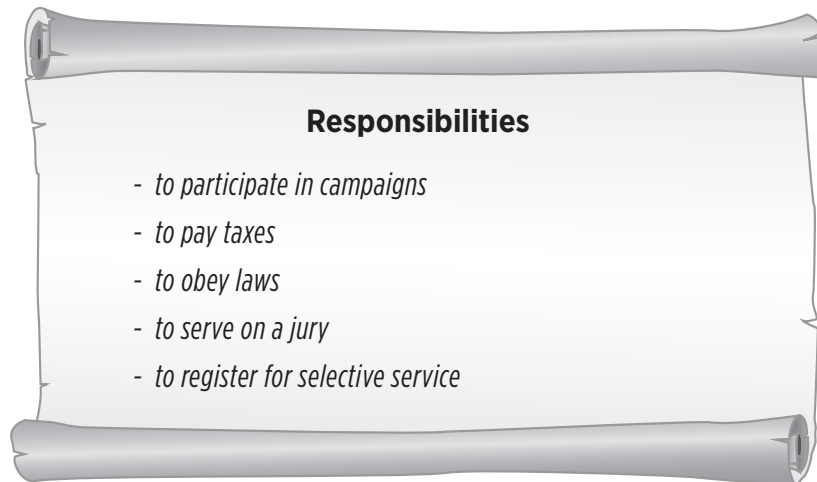
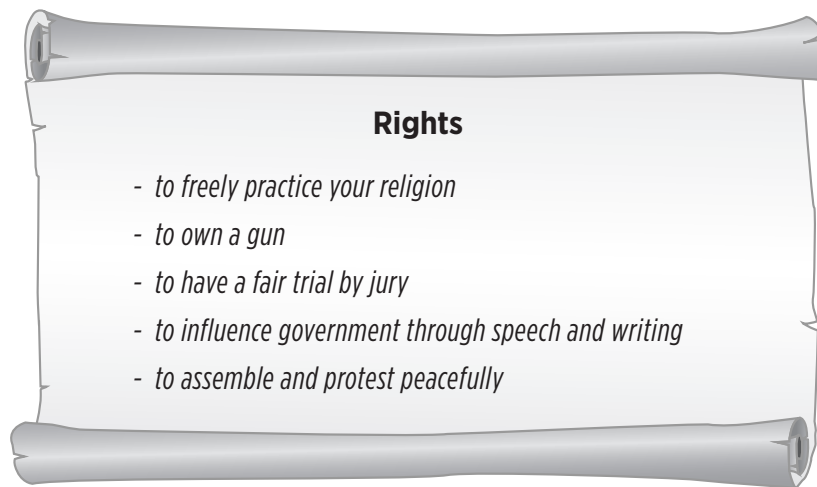
Branch of Government	Basic Responsibility	An Example of Position	
Executive	carry out the laws	Federal	president
		State	governor
		Local	mayor/parish president
Legislative	make laws	Federal	senator, representative
		State	senator, representative
		Local	City council
Judicial	interpret laws	Federal	Supreme/District Court
		State	Supreme/District Court
		Local	justice of the peace

Source 2: Government of Louisiana

Office	Minimum Age	Residency Requirement	Length of Term	Term Limits
Governor	25	- registered voter - citizen of US and Louisiana for 5 years	4 years	2 consecutive terms
State Senator	18	- live 1 year in district - state resident for 2 years	4 years	3 consecutive terms
State Supreme Court Judge	none	- practice law in Louisiana for 5 years - state resident for 2 years	10 years	- no term limits - mandatory retirement at 70

Source 3: Louisiana State Budget – Source of Revenue

Year	Property Tax	Sales Tax	Licenses	Individual Income Tax	Corporate Tax	Severance Tax	Other Taxes
1993	1%	51%	10%	21%	6%	10%	1%
2003	0.5%	59%	5.5%	25%	3%	6%	1%

Source 4: Right or Responsibility of Citizenship


Item 1: Multiple Choice

Based on Sources 1 and 2, which branches of government have term limits?

- A. Executive and Legislative
- B. Legislative and Judicial
- C. Judicial and Executive
- D. Supreme and Judicial

Item 2: Multiple Select

Based on Source 3, which taxes in Louisiana increased between 1993 and 2003?

- taxes paid on homes
- taxes paid on clothing
- taxes paid by businesses
- taxes paid for fishing permits
- taxes paid by people based on salary

Item 3: Technology Enhanced Item

Based on Source 4 and your knowledge of social studies, identify each activity as a right or a responsibility of a good citizen. Write either “right” or “responsibility” in the Action column of the table.

Civic Activity	Action
worshipping based on your beliefs	
placing yard signs of a candidate throughout your neighborhood	
Obeying speed limit laws when driving	
paying taxes when you buy groceries	
attending a protest again a government decision with which you disagree	
writing a blog that criticizes an elected official	

Item 4: Constructed Response

Based on Source 3 and your knowledge of social studies, identify which tax source traditionally generates more revenue for the state budget and describe who and what are taxed by this source of revenue.
