

## **GUIDED READING**

### **A Place Called Mississippi**

#### **Chapter 13: Federal and State Government**

##### **Section 1 Basic Principles of American Government**

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 347 - 350 to complete the following.

1. After the \_\_\_\_\_ colonies won their independence from Great Britain, they adopted the \_\_\_\_\_, a constitution that established a weak national government.
2. American statesmen soon realized that a loosely constructed \_\_\_\_\_ could not promote the general welfare of the young nation.
3. In 1787, a convention of delegates from the various states met in Philadelphia, \_\_\_\_\_, to establish a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The convention rejected the \_\_\_\_\_ system, but most delegates agreed that some form of \_\_\_\_\_ was necessary.
5. After much discussion and compromise, the delegates to the Philadelphia convention, known as the "\_\_\_\_\_", drafted the United States \_\_\_\_\_, which created a federal system of government.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is a system of government in which the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ governments \_\_\_\_\_.

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7. The genius of American government is the separation of powers into the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ branches and the division of powers into the federal, state, and local levels.
8. The United States \_\_\_\_\_ is the supreme \_\_\_\_\_.
9. In the United States, the people are \_\_\_\_\_ (possessing supreme power) and are the source of power and authority.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ officials to specific \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, and those officials \_\_\_\_\_ only by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the governed.
11. To set up a system of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the Founding Fathers established three separate branches and various levels of government.
12. Each \_\_\_\_\_ and each \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ in its \_\_\_\_\_ and authority.
13. In order to promote the general welfare, the Constitution gave the government the \_\_\_\_\_ to take \_\_\_\_\_ from citizens for \_\_\_\_\_.
14. This is called \_\_\_\_\_.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ prohibit people from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from someone else's writings, paintings, and inventions.

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16. When the Founding Fathers completed the Constitution in 1787, some delegates complained that the document did not \_\_\_\_\_ (list) the specific \_\_\_\_\_ of American citizens.
17. In 1791, the delegates added and adopted the first ten amendments known as the \_\_\_\_\_. [These amendments enumerate the rights of American citizenship.]

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##### Section 2 Federal Government

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 351 - 357 to complete the following.

1. Article I of the U.S. Constitution created a \_\_\_\_\_ (two-house) legislature that includes the United States Senate and House of Representatives.
2. Every \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ members in the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_, which is called the Upper House.
3. A member of the Senate must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old, a \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States for at least nine years, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ he or she \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Senators serve \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ and are elected by \_\_\_\_\_ vote.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ but can only vote in case of a tie vote.
6. Each \_\_\_\_\_ in the House of Representatives, which is called the Lower House, is \_\_\_\_\_ on its \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A member of the \_\_\_\_\_ must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ years old, a \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States for at least seven years, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ he or she \_\_\_\_\_.

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8. Representatives are elected to \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
from \_\_\_\_\_ in each state and are  
chosen in \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
years.

9. Membership in the House is \_\_\_\_\_ every ten years following  
the \_\_\_\_\_ (every ten years) U.S. \_\_\_\_\_.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ powers are those powers specifically given to  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the Constitution.

11. \_\_\_\_\_ powers are those given to Congress in the elastic clause.

12. The House of Representatives has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ (bring  
charges against a public official while that person is still in office).

13. All \_\_\_\_\_ — proposals for \_\_\_\_\_  
to establish or raise \_\_\_\_\_ --- must originate in the House of  
Representatives.

14. The \_\_\_\_\_ presidential  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the U.S. Supreme Court, the cabinet, and other judicial  
and executive positions; \_\_\_\_\_ (approves) treaties; and serves as  
a court in impeachment proceedings.

15. In Article II of the U.S. Constitution, the Founding Fathers did \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_.

16. After much discussion, the Founding Fathers established the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and gave it the power to choose the president.

17. Members of the Electoral College (presidential electors) are \_\_\_\_\_ from

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\_\_\_\_\_ state.

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ from each state  
\_\_\_\_\_ the number of senators and representatives it has in Congress.
19. Today, the presidential \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_ in each state wins that state's  
\_\_\_\_\_ votes.
20. The Constitution gives the \_\_\_\_\_ branch of the federal government  
the \_\_\_\_\_ to carry out the \_\_\_\_\_ enacted by congress.
21. The executive branch includes the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_  
president, and fifteen cabinet members.
22. Among the major cabinet members are the \_\_\_\_\_  
and the secretaries of \_\_\_\_\_, defense, homeland security, treasury,  
energy, and education.
23. The president and the vice president must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
years old, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (not naturalized) citizens, and  
residents of the United States for at least fourteen years prior to their election.
24. They are elected to \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ terms. The presidents may serve only  
\_\_\_\_\_ terms in succession.
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ president \_\_\_\_\_ the presidency if the president  
\_\_\_\_\_ in office, resigns, or is removed by impeachment.
26. Article III of the U.S. Constitution gives the \_\_\_\_\_ branch of the federal  
government the power to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and  
laws passed by Congress.

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27. The United States \_\_\_\_\_ (the highest court in the land) includes a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ associate justices.

28. The \_\_\_\_\_, with the consent of the U.S. Senate, \_\_\_\_\_ members of the Supreme Court to \_\_\_\_\_ appointments.

29. The Supreme Court has both original and appellate \_\_\_\_\_ (area of authority).

30. \_\_\_\_\_ jurisdiction is the authority to hear a case for the first time.

31. \_\_\_\_\_ jurisdiction is the authority to review a case that has already been tried and decided in a lower court.

32. The Supreme Court's most \_\_\_\_\_ power is \_\_\_\_\_, which is the authority to determine the constitutionality of laws passed by Congress and state legislatures, and any actions taken by the executive branch.

33. Congress had divided the nation into \_\_\_\_\_ judicial circuits.

34. These United States Courts of \_\_\_\_\_ review the \_\_\_\_\_ of the lower courts and the judgments rendered by administrative agencies.

35. Attorneys for the \_\_\_\_\_ (those making the appeal) present their arguments to the appellate judges on behalf of their clients.

36. There is also a U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ Court in each of Mississippi's two federal districts.

37. \_\_\_\_\_ is a legal issue involving a person's or an organization's \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_.

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##### Section 3 State Government

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 359 - 370 to complete the following.

1. Each of the \_\_\_\_\_ states has a written \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Like the U.S. Constitution, the \_\_\_\_\_ Constitution of 1890 is based on the principles of the rule of \_\_\_\_\_, popular sovereignty, limited government, separation of powers, and checks and balances.
3. Rather than drafting a \_\_\_\_\_ document, most Mississippians have preferred to \_\_\_\_\_ the 1890 document.
4. An important part of all constitutions is the \_\_\_\_\_ process.
5. The process of \_\_\_\_\_ the state \_\_\_\_\_ normally \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, where two-thirds of the members of both \_\_\_\_\_ may propose an amendment.
6. The proposed amendment is then submitted to a popular \_\_\_\_\_ in the next \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ vote is necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ the amendment.
8. Mississippians may also \_\_\_\_\_ constitutional \_\_\_\_\_ through a procedure called indirect initiative.
9. In an \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ amendments to the legislature.



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10. The \_\_\_\_\_ branch of the \_\_\_\_\_ government is a \_\_\_\_\_ legislature which includes the \_\_\_\_\_ and House of \_\_\_\_\_.

11. There are \_\_\_\_\_ state senators and \_\_\_\_\_ representatives, who are elected from districts throughout the state.

12. Members of the Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_-year terms, and are not \_\_\_\_\_.

13. A state \_\_\_\_\_ must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ years old, a \_\_\_\_\_ for four years, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ from which he or she is elected for two years prior to the election.

14. A member of the \_\_\_\_\_ must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ years old, a state resident for four years, and a resident of the district from which he or she is elected for two years before the election.

15. A person who has been \_\_\_\_\_ of a serious \_\_\_\_\_, such as bribery or fraud, is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ public \_\_\_\_\_ in Mississippi.

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ officer of the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ governor, who is \_\_\_\_\_ by the people.

17. The presiding officer of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Representatives is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the House, who is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ of the House.

18. Most of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the state \_\_\_\_\_ is done through committees.

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19. A \_\_\_\_\_ of the legislature is a small group of representatives or senators who study \_\_\_\_\_ on a particular subject and make \_\_\_\_\_ to the full membership of each house.
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of committees are the most \_\_\_\_\_ members of the legislature because \_\_\_\_\_ determine which \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ in their committees.
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ meets in regular sessions every \_\_\_\_\_ in Jackson on the \_\_\_\_\_ following the first Monday in \_\_\_\_\_.
22. In addition to its authority to \_\_\_\_\_, the Mississippi legislature also has broad \_\_\_\_\_ powers.
23. If no \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ receives a \_\_\_\_\_ [of votes] in the general election, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Representatives will \_\_\_\_\_ the governor.
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ also has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ or file charges \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and other public officials.
25. The usual journey of a \_\_\_\_\_ begin with its introduction in one house.
26. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to a committee for discussion and debate.
27. If the bill is \_\_\_\_\_ of committee, it is placed on a calendar for \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_.
28. If the bill is \_\_\_\_\_, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ for consideration.

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29. If a bill is \_\_\_\_\_ by either house, a joint \_\_\_\_\_ committee is usually appointed to work out the differences.
30. If an \_\_\_\_\_ is reached, a report is sent to both houses for final \_\_\_\_\_.
31. Once a bill \_\_\_\_\_ both houses, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, who may \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (reject, refuse to sign) the bill.
32. If a governor \_\_\_\_\_ a bill, a two-thirds majority of each \_\_\_\_\_ of the legislature \_\_\_\_\_ the bill over the governor's veto.
33. The primary \_\_\_\_\_ of Mississippi's \_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the state.
34. The governor must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old, a \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States for twenty years, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ for at least the five years immediately before the election.
35. The governor is elected for a \_\_\_\_\_-year term and may serve \_\_\_\_\_ in succession.
36. The governor may \_\_\_\_\_ officials in the executive branch in addition to those who are elected.
37. The governor can \_\_\_\_\_ reprieves and pardons to persons \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ state laws..
38. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a postponement of a sentence.
39. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a legal forgiveness of the crime.

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40. The \_\_\_\_\_ governor is \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time and for the same \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ and assumes the governor's duties if that \_\_\_\_\_ becomes \_\_\_\_\_.

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ oversees and maintains Mississippi's official \_\_\_\_\_.

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the chief \_\_\_\_\_ officer for the state.

43. The state \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ (examining) all state agencies, local governments, and public schools.

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45. Other elected executive officials include the commissioner of \_\_\_\_\_ and commerce; commissioner of \_\_\_\_\_, public service commissioners; and transportation commissioners.

46. In addition to the elected executive officials, there are more than sixty \_\_\_\_\_, boards, and commissions in the \_\_\_\_\_ branch of state government.

47. Among the most important of these agencies are the Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_, which \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and development of the state's \_\_\_\_\_.

48. There are \_\_\_\_\_ separate \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.

49. \_\_\_\_\_ Courts try cases involving \_\_\_\_\_ law, and \_\_\_\_\_ courts \_\_\_\_\_ involving state law.

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50. The \_\_\_\_\_ Supreme Court is the \_\_\_\_\_ court in the \_\_\_\_\_ and hears \_\_\_\_\_ from Circuit and Chancery Courts.
51. The Supreme Court has \_\_\_\_\_ justices who are \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_-year terms.
52. The Mississippi Court of \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ judges elected for staggered eight-year terms.
53. \_\_\_\_\_ Courts have jurisdiction over \_\_\_\_\_ involving \_\_\_\_\_ and alimony, child custody and support, \_\_\_\_\_ and estates, minors' affairs, and cases of \_\_\_\_\_.
54. Most Chancery Court \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ proceedings, but juries may be impaneled under certain conditions.
55. \_\_\_\_\_ Courts have original jurisdiction in serious crimes such as \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ and in disputes between citizens involving amounts more than two hundred dollars.
56. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Circuit Court are usually made by juries.
57. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ chosen from a list of registered \_\_\_\_\_ to hear evidence in a trial and to determine the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of the person on trial.
58. The decision of the jury is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
59. \_\_\_\_\_ are prosecutors who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ cases brought before circuit judges.
60. The major source of \_\_\_\_\_ for state government is the general \_\_\_\_\_.

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61. It is \_\_\_\_\_ (charged on most items and services purchased) in Mississippi with some few exceptions.

62. The second \_\_\_\_\_ source of \_\_\_\_\_ is the individual \_\_\_\_\_, which is levied on a \_\_\_\_\_ annual \_\_\_\_\_.

63. The income tax is a \_\_\_\_\_ tax, which means that, the more a person earns, the larger percent of that income a person pays in income taxes.

64. Most of the \_\_\_\_\_ from these taxes goes into the state's \_\_\_\_\_.

65. The largest general fund expenditure is for \_\_\_\_\_.