

North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 3: Governing Our Nation & State

Internet Activity



The state government of North Carolina provides many services. County and city governments have important roles, too. In this lesson, you will learn about the people elected to lead at the state and local levels.

Part I: Go to North Carolina’s Official Web Site: [Who Represents Me?](#). Follow the directions and enter your address to find your legislators. Use the information to complete the table.

My State Legislators

House of Representatives	<i>District:</i> _____ <i>Party:</i> _____ <i>Name:</i> _____ <i>Address:</i> _____
State Senator	<i>District:</i> _____ <i>Party:</i> _____ <i>Name:</i> _____ <i>Address:</i> _____

Part II: What have your lawmakers been working on?

[Click here](#) to view current bills in North Carolina. Your teacher may give you information to look up a bill being considered by the legislature. Click **View Available Summaries** to get a summary of the bill and the link under **Document** or **Filed** to see the actual proposed law. Also note the current status of the bill – is it proposed, filed, adopted, or in a committee? After studying these, write a short summary of the legislation and its status. Explain why the law might be needed and give reasons why you support or do not support the new law.

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Part III: Your local government has responsibilities in your community. Find a local county or town government’s website here: [Town Ordinances](#). Click North Carolina, and then click your city or county government. Once you access the ordinances for your local government, search for terms such as dogs, noise, bicycle, garbage, etc. Locate an ordinance to complete the table.

What is the purpose of the ordinance?	What are two arguments to support this ordinance?	What are two arguments against this ordinance?

Think about a problem in your town. Briefly describe an ordinance that you believe would help to solve the problem. Write a brief description of the ordinance, a consequence for violators, and two reasons why the ordinance should be adopted.

Finished Early? Watch a video of the [North Carolina capitol building here](#).