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### Alabama: Our Beautiful Home

#### Chapter 15: Alabama's Government

##### Section 1 The Levels of Government

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 419 - 430 to complete the following.

1. We are a nation that lives under the "\_\_\_\_\_."
2. This means that our system tries to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of citizens from misuse of government power.
3. The rules that people \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ are made into \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The three main \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ are (1) to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ laws, (2) to provide \_\_\_\_\_ that people need, and (3) to protect the rights and \_\_\_\_\_ of the citizens.
5. There are four levels of government in our country: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The offices of the United States (or \_\_\_\_\_) government are in \_\_\_\_\_, D.C.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ branch is Congress, which makes the laws.
8. The U. S. \_\_\_\_\_ is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States is head of the \_\_\_\_\_ branch.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ branch rules on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the laws.

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11. The \_\_\_\_\_ are the judicial branch.
12. The U. S. \_\_\_\_\_ Court is the highest court in the nation.
13. Elected officials, the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ and the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ from Alabama and other states, work in the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The president works in the \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The U. S. Supreme Court is in the Supreme Court Building in \_\_\_\_\_, D.C.
16. Our \_\_\_\_\_ government, like the federal government, has \_\_\_\_\_ branches: executive, legislative, and judicial.
17. Alabama state government offices are in the state's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Our state senators and representatives work in the \_\_\_\_\_.
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ Supreme Court also works in Montgomery in the Alabama Judicial Center.
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the head of the *executive* branch.
21. The governor \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ after the legislature passes them.
22. The governor and the \_\_\_\_\_ governor are \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time to \_\_\_\_\_-year terms.
23. The *legislative* branch is also made up of \_\_\_\_\_ people , called \_\_\_\_\_.
24. The legislature \_\_\_\_\_ new laws and makes changes to existing laws.

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25. The legislators study the suggested law, which is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
26. Then after discussing it, both \_\_\_\_\_ of the legislature  
\_\_\_\_\_ separately on the bill. This is called \_\_\_\_\_  
*government.*
27. The governor may \_\_\_\_\_ (say no to) the bill.
28. Senators and representatives serve \_\_\_\_\_ - year terms.
29. The judicial branch is made up of the \_\_\_\_\_.
30. If a person is \_\_\_\_\_ with a crime, that person will go to a  
\_\_\_\_\_.
31. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a legal process where the facts are studied.
32. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a group of citizens chosen to attend the trial.
33. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ to serve on a jury if  
\_\_\_\_\_.
34. The court also rules on \_\_\_\_\_ between people. This court is called  
\_\_\_\_\_ **court.**
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ court in Alabama is the state supreme court. Its eight  
associate justices and one \_\_\_\_\_ are elected to six-  
year terms.
36. \_\_\_\_\_ offices are usually in the county courthouse.
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the town or city where the courthouse is  
located.
38. Cities and towns have \_\_\_\_\_ too. These are called  
\_\_\_\_\_ governments.

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##### **Section 2 Making it Work**

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 423 - 434 to complete the following.

1. All levels of government \_\_\_\_\_ on people to provide \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It takes \_\_\_\_\_ to pay people who work for the government.
3. The services also cost \_\_\_\_\_.
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ for these workers and services, the various governments \_\_\_\_\_ money from \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In our form of government, we \_\_\_\_\_ people to serve as our \_\_\_\_\_.
6. They decide for us what \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Your \_\_\_\_\_ government also has workers who do many things to make our daily lives run smoothly.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ officers and \_\_\_\_\_ that protect you work for local governments.
9. Of course, you know that a local government \_\_\_\_\_ public \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Money, or \_\_\_\_\_, needed to run the state and local governments comes from various sources.

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11. Governments get \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.
12. People who live and work in Alabama pay a \_\_\_\_\_ income \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Counties and cities also collect \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ taxes, and \_\_\_\_\_ taxes.
14. A property tax is a tax \_\_\_\_\_ on property \_\_\_\_\_, such as a house or land.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the amount the property is valued at for taxation.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ districts get a part of \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Alabamians also pay \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Some of that [federal income taxes] comes \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and local governments.

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##### Section 3 Symbols of Alabama

Directions: Use the information from pages 435 - 438 to complete the following.

1. The state's \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ symbols.
2. Another spoken symbol is the state \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ says what we believe or stand for.
4. A symbol that you can \_\_\_\_\_ (visual) is the state \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Alabama \_\_\_\_\_ has a shield showing the five governments that have ruled Alabama: Spain, France, Great Britain, the United States of America, and the Confederate States of America.
6. On the \_\_\_\_\_ (top) is a French ship, because the \_\_\_\_\_ in Alabama was French.
7. The ship also stands for \_\_\_\_\_ because Alabama is a \_\_\_\_\_ state (one next to the sea).
8. The state \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ called the yellowhammer, or yellow-shafted flicker.
9. The Alabama state \_\_\_\_\_ is the southern longleaf \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The state \_\_\_\_\_ is the beautiful common \_\_\_\_\_, an evergreen flowering \_\_\_\_\_ (bush) from Japan.
11. Alabama has a state \_\_\_\_\_. It is the fossil of an ancient \_\_\_\_\_.