Chapter 12: Local Government

Section 1: Types of Local Government

Key Terms:

Main Idea:

1. The Constitution gives powers to the federal and state governments but not to local governments, such as ________________, cities, and ________________.
2. Local governments are created by ________________ and have only those powers that ________________ governments give them.
3. List 3 government jobs: ________________, ________________, ________________.
4. T or F Local government is the greatest effect on your everyday life.

Counties and Townships

1. What is our oldest unit of local government? ________________
2. The distance to the “______________” set the boundaries of many counties.
3. Most counties are governed by ________________.
4. Most county boards have _____ to _____ elected members, called ________________ or supervisors.
5. What is the best-known elected county official? ________________.
6. In the Middle Atlantic states and in the Midwest, counties are often divided into ________________.
7. A county is a unit of local government within a ________________; a township is a unit of local government within a ________________.
8. What is the name of your county? ________________

New England Towns

1. In New England, another form of ________________ government grew up – the ________________.
2. The voters met once a year at ________________ to pass laws, set taxes, and decide how the ________________ should be spent.
3. T or F Today, in many large towns, the voters choose representatives to attend town meetings.
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Special Districts

1. What is the purpose of a special district? ______________________________________

2. List 3 special districts: ______________________________________________________

Cities

1. What are 3 types of municipalities? ___________________________________________
2. In today’s world, what is the size of a mid-size American city? _________________
3. What is Rapid City’s population? _________________
4. The governments of most municipalities follow one of three plans:
   Name and describe each one
   a. __________________________________________________
   b. __________________________________________________
   c. __________________________________________________

5. Which plan does Rapid City follow? _______________________________________
6. Who is our mayor? _______________________________________________________

WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES AMONG THE VARIOUS TYPES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

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Section 2: Local Government Services and Revenue

Key Terms:

Main Idea:

1. Every time officials decide to handle a problem in a certain way, they are making ____________________.
2. What does policy decisions depend on? ______________________

Education, Health, and Public Safety

1. Identify the 3 important human serves that local governments provide:
   a. ____________________  b. ____________________  c. ____________________

2. Why is the local government in charge of running these services? ______________________

3. What role does local government play in providing educational services? List 3:

4. What is local government’s role in providing health and welfare services? List 3:

Utilities

1. What services do utilities provide? List 5:

2. Why is it best that utilities are provided at the local level?

Land Use

1. ____________________ is a tool used by local governments to plan and control the ____________________ of their communities.
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2. The planning process:
   a.
   b.
   c.
   d.
   e.

3. What are the pros and cons of bringing in new business? List 2 pros and 2 cons

Revenue: Paying for Services

1. List, explain and provide an example for each of the 4 ways local government provide services to their citizens:
   a.
   b.
   c.

2. Most communities face problems in paying for services. What are the 2 problems most communities have in paying for services?
   a.
   b.

3. What are a local government’s sources of revenue?

4. Do you think it is fair for the government to tax for services? Explain
Section 3: Conflict and Cooperation between Governments

Key Terms:

Main Idea:

1. Name the 4 layers of government:
   a. Town   b. C__________________          c. State   d. F_________________

Relations between Local Governments

1. Name the 2 major causes of conflicts between local governments:
   a. ____________________
   b. _____________________

2. What economic reasons cause conflicts and competition between local governments?
   _______________________________________________________________________

3. What is the main reason local government work together?
   _______________________________________________________________________

Local and State Governments

1. When a local government comes into conflict with a state government, which law is enforced? _______________________________________________________________________

2. States often work with local governments to carry out ____________________.

3. States officials help local officials in the following:
   a. Finance
   b. ____________________
   c. Health
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d.
e. State license local government workers, such as who? ______________ and ______________.

4. INFER: Why are state governments willing to help local ones?

Local, State, and Federal Governments

1. What is the key to the relationship between all 3 levels of government? __________

2. Give an example of where all 3 levels of government worked together: __________

3. Why does the federal government give grants and loans to local communities? ______

4. What can local governments do if they want to use federal money for a special project?

List ways Federal Government and Local Government are different (conflict):

List ways Federal Government and Local Government are the same (cooperate):