Three Branches / Three Levels

Level of Government	Legislative Branch	Executive Branch	Judicial Branch
National (Federal) Government Location: Washington, D.C.	CONGRESS • makes laws for the nation • approves the annual budget • confirms presidential appointments • raises revenue through taxes • regulates interstate and foreign trade • declares war	PRESIDENT • executes the laws of the land • prepares annual budget for congressional approval • appoints cabinet, ambassadors and federal judges • administers federal bureaucracy	U.S. SUPREME COURT • the federal courts, including the Supreme Court, the highest court of the land • Supreme Court exercises power of judicial review • try cases involving federal law and questions involving U.S. Constitution
State (VA) Government Location:			
Local Government (city,town,county) Location:			