

Three Branches / Three Levels

Name _____

Level of Government	Legislative Branch	Executive Branch	Judicial Branch
<p>National (Federal) Government</p> <p>Location: Washington, D.C.</p>	<p><u>CONGRESS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes laws for the nation • approves the annual budget • confirms presidential appointments • raises revenue through taxes • regulates interstate and foreign trade • declares war 	<p><u>PRESIDENT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • executes the laws of the land • prepares annual budget for congressional approval • appoints cabinet, ambassadors and federal judges • administers federal bureaucracy 	<p><u>U.S. SUPREME COURT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>State (VA) Government</p> <p>Location: Richmond, VA</p>	<p><u>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes laws for VA • approves state budget • powers derived from the 10th Amendment 	<p><u>GOVERNOR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carries out laws of VA • exercises powers granted by VA Constitution • prepares budget • appoints cabinet and boards • administers state bureaucracy 	<p><u>VA SUPREME COURT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interprets laws of VA • organization and jurisdiction derived from VA Constitution and state laws • judicial review over statutes • Circuit courts try felony criminal cases and certain civil cases
<p>Local Government (city, town, county)</p> <p>Location:</p>			