

# Unit 5 Test Study Guide

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Directions: Use your notes, and book if necessary, to complete the study guide. You are responsible for ALL information on this Study Guide, including spelling of the main terms.

1) What is a constitution?

**A constitution is a plan for government.**

2) Every November, our country holds **elections**, where citizens **vote** to tell the government what they want done or to select other citizens to represent them in the government.

3) We read (in the book and newspaper) about three groups that influenced the formation of the Constitution of the United States of America? Pick two, and tell what the influence was.

**The Pilgrims, the Iroquois Nation, and the Greeks influenced the formation of the Constitution of the United States of America. Both the Mayflower Compact and Great Council influenced the idea of all citizens having a voice in their government. The Greeks created the idea of democracy which our government is built around.**

4) Which type of democracy is one our government uses?

a. Direct democracy

**b. Representative democracy**

5) Explain how this democracy allows citizens to make their feelings known to the government.

**Representative democracy has citizens vote for and elect other people to go and make decisions about the government for them.**

6) How is direct democracy different?

**Direct democracy is when citizens vote on all decisions about how their government runs.**

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7) The three branches of government are the **Judicial**, **Executive**, and **Legislative**.

8) An example of the Judicial branch is the **Supreme Court**.

An example of the Executive branch is the **President**.

An example of the Legislative branch is the **Congress**.

9) All three branches of government are the same at all three levels of government. The three level of government are **Federal**, **State**, and **Local**.

10) What are government services and does the government pay for these services?

**Government services are services provided by the government for its citizens. These services are paid for with tax money paid by citizens.**

11) Another name for rules written to keep a community safe is **laws**.

12) Our local governments are run by the following different groups based on our community:

**City Council**

**Township Trustees**

**Mayor**

**County Commissioners**