Name:	

Roles of the 3 Levels of Government

Our local, state, and federal governments pay for different things. Read each item and think about which government is mostly responsible for it. In the blank, write **local**, **state** or **federal**.

Taking care of our National Parks	
Fixing Midland's streets	
Collecting 6% Michigan sales tax	
Running the United States Post Office	
Buying books for the G. A. Dow Library	
Taking care of Bay City State Park	
Fixing Midland's streetlights	
Printing money and coins	
Collecting Michigan income tax	
Paying for the Army	
Buying swings for city parks	
Building and repairing interstate highways (like I-75)	
Paying Midland firefighters	
Complete each of the following statements.	
My local government provides	
My state government provides	
My federal government provides	
I am responsible for	

GOVERNMENT

WHO TAKES CARE OF WHAT?

Your food is safe. Your state has roads and schools. Your community has parks and police. Government makes these things happen... and more.



FEDERAL

STATE

Safe travels! The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ensures that flying is safe.

How much? The U.S. mint manufactures and distributes the coins we use. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing prints our paper money.

Ensuring national security. The Department of Defense provides the military forces needed to prevent war and keep our country safe.

Protecting plants and animals. U.S. Fish and Wildlife focuses on protecting endangered species.

To your health! The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves all medicines and sets food safety standards.

Learning more on your behalf. The National Institute of Health (NIH) supports research into the causes and cure of diseases. FEDERAL AND STATE

How green it is! National and state governments create and maintain about 300 million acres of parks and forests.

Correctional facilities – prisons – house people who have been convicted of a

crime.

FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL

Road trip! About 4 million miles of roads criss-cross the U.S.

Safe and sound.
Community police, state troopers, the National Guard, and the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) work to fight crime.

AND LOCAL
Your teachers,

your schools.
Local communities hire teachers, build schools, and provide transportation to and from school. What gets taught is the state's responsibility.

STATE

Behind the wheel. Every state has a Department of Motor Vehicles. When you're old enough to get a driver's license, that's where you'll go.

Go fish! But first you'll need a state-issued fishing license. The same goes for hunting.

Tests to pass. Lawyers and other professionals must pass a state licensing exam in the state where they plan to work.

Ratify! Any amendment to our Constitution must be approved, or ratified, by 38 states.

Getting well. A state controls all the hospitals within its borders and exerts direct control over specific facilities.

in the state

Electing our President.
Every state chooses
electors for the Electoral
College. Electors cast
votes for whichever
candidate gets the
majority of votes

Q 1 1 Quick, call 9-1-1!

FEDERAL

Vote! The

Constitution

AND LOCAL

establishes how

national elections are

with State oversight,

held. Local governments,

arrange for polling places

where people cast their vote

Your community's first responders – firefighters, police, and EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) – are there in minutes.

> Read, play, enjoy. If you like libraries, sports fields, parks, and other recreation facilities in your community, say thank-you to your local government.

Electricity, natural gas, and water are necessities to be managed and distributed. Local communities are in charge.

P-U! That's what you might say without the garbage collection provided by your community's sanitation department.

Bumpety-bump. Without your local government to repair the roads and fix potholes, you may end up with a rough ride.

LOCAL



