



Branches of Government

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

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- D) Voting for a new Supreme Court Justice

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- A) Voting in the next presidential election
- B) Writing letters to their state senator
- C) Filing a petition or lawsuit asking the courts to review the law
- D) Joining the President's Cabinet

3. Which civic action allows citizens to influence who leads the executive branch?

- A) Voting in the presidential election every four years
- B) Confirming Supreme Court Justices
- C) Writing the next federal bill
- D) Sitting on a Senate committee

4. Hundreds of people gather peacefully outside city hall with signs about a local issue. Which right are they using?

- A) The right to a fair trial
- B) The right to peaceful protest
- C) The right to veto a bill
- D) The right to confirm judges

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. A person who is a member of a country with rights and duties is called a _____.
2. Voting in elections is the most basic _____ duty in a democracy.
3. Citizens can sign a _____ to ask leaders to change a policy or pass a new law.
4. A peaceful gathering to express opinions to the government is called a _____.
5. When citizens contact their Senator or Representative, they are influencing the _____ branch.

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