**SS8CG3 The student will analyze the role of the executive branch in Georgia state government.**

**a. Explain the qualifications, term, election, and duties of the governor and lieutenant governor.**

**b. Describe the organization of the executive branch, with emphasis on major policy areas of state programs; include education, human resources, public safety, transportation, economic development, and natural resources.**

**c. Evaluate how the executive branch fulfills its role through state agencies that administer programs and enforce laws.**

**According to the Georgia Constitution, state’s Chief Executive is the Governor:**

Qualifications for Governor

• \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for fifteen years

• \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for six years

Duties of the Governor

• \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all eligible Georgia voters

• Serves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• May \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Is limited to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• May call special legislative sessions or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• May propose and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• May \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**According to the Georgia Constitution, the second highest member of the Executive Branch is the Lieutenant Governor:**

• The office of governor becomes vacant, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until the next election…THEREFORE…

• The qualifications for office are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Unlike the Governor, the Lt. Governor has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Unlike President and Vice President of the U.S., the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is possible, then, for them to be in different political parties!!!

• The Lt. Governor is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is, therefore, the only officer who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!!!

**According to the Georgia Constitution, there are six other elected members of the Executive Branch:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – serves as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in court

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – handles all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the state, including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, chartering new businesses, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and regulating the sale of corporate stocks and bonds

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ –\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; certifies teachers, approves textbooks and distributes educational funds; this department as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – oversees and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, including food production, consumer safety, and livestock (decisions made by this office are critical to the economy, since agriculture is a major industry in GA)

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and protects consumers

6.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – investigates\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, works to protect the health and safety of industrial workers, and handles \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SS8CG4 The student will analyze the role of the judicial branch in Georgia state government.**

**a. Explain the structure of the court system in Georgia including trial and appellate procedures and how judges are selected.**

**b. Explain the difference between criminal law and civil law.**

**c. Describe the adult justice system, emphasizing the different jurisdictions, terminology, and steps in the criminal justice process.**

**d. Describe ways to avoid trouble and settle disputes peacefully.**

**e. Evaluate how the judicial branch fulfills its role in interpreting the laws of Georgia and ensuring justice in our legal system.**

**Georgia’s Court System is divided into two levels, appellate courts and trial courts:**

Appellate Courts – handle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Supreme Court of Georgia – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; has seven members, six Justices and a Chief Justice;\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Court of Appeals – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ working in three man panels to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Trial Courts –\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the original right, power, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Superior Courts – can hear almost any civil or criminal case; consists of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. State Courts – hold jurisdiction over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; consists of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Juvenile Courts – jurisdiction over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and deprived children under 18; no jury

4. Probate Courts – handle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; may have a jury

5. Magistrate Courts – handles \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, etc.; no jury

**How are Judges selected in Georgia?**

•  Most judges in Georgia are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

•  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ may be\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by local legislatures; juvenile court judges are appointed by superior court judges

**Civil vs. Criminal Law**

•  Criminal law deals with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(e.g., DUI, murder, armed robbery, etc.)

•  Civil law\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., divorce, property ownership, contracts, personal injuries, etc.)

Civil Law Criminal law

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