

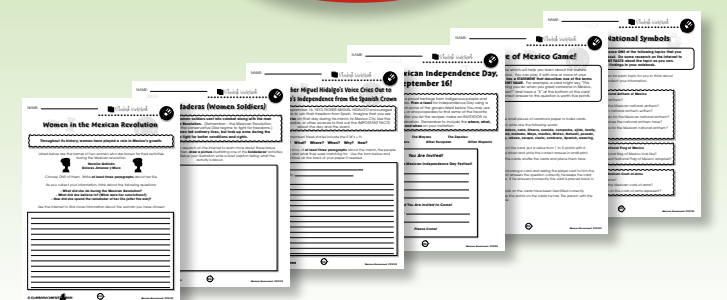
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Three Branches of the Mexican Government

1. Fill in each blank with the correct term from the list. You may use a dictionary if you wish. Some terms will be used more than once.

president	judicial	executive	legislative	Senate
Chamber of Deputies	sexenio	Justices		

- a) The three branches of the Mexican government are the _____ branch, the _____ branch, and the _____ branch.
- b) The Chamber of Deputies and the Senate are the divisions of the _____.
- c) The chief executive of the United Mexican States is called the _____.
- d) Another name for Supreme Court judges is Supreme Court _____.
- e) The branch of government which makes sure the laws of the land are followed is called the _____ branch.
- f) The branch of government that makes sure the Constitution of 1917 is followed is called the _____ branch.
- g) The branch of government that makes laws is called the _____ branch.
- h) The President of Mexico serves only one six-year term called a _____.



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The authors of the Constitution of 1917 decided that a government divided into three parts would be much fairer than a government with just one part. They did not want one person or group to hold all the power. This idea is called **separation of powers**. They gave the new Mexican government three branches. Each one would have its own jobs and responsibilities.

The branches of the government of the United Mexican States are: the **legislative**, **executive**, and **judicial**. The Constitution of 1917 describes the duties that each branch has and the titles of the people who carry out these duties. Each branch must follow the Constitution of 1917 at all times. The headquarters for each branch of government is in Mexico City, D.F. ("Distrito Federal"), the nation's capital.

The **Executive Branch** makes sure that the laws of the country are obeyed and that the Constitution of 1917 is followed. The **President** is the head of the executive branch. **Chapter III** of the Third Title of the **Constitution** describes the duties of the executive branch. There is no vice-president in Mexican government. The president is assisted by his **cabinet**. The cabinet is made up of **18 Secretaries of State**, the head of the federal executive legal office, and the **Attorney General**. The president is elected for one six-year term, called a **sexenio**.

Chapter III of the Third Title of the Mexican Constitution states that, for one to run for President of Mexico, a person must be: 1) a Mexican citizen by birth, with a father and mother who are Mexican by birth, who has resided in the country for at least 20 years; 2) 35 years old, or older, at the time of the election; 3) a resident in the country for the entire year before the election; 4) not an official of any church or religious denomination; 5) not in active military service during the six months before the election; 6) not a secretary or under-secretary of state, attorney general, or governor of a state for at least six months before the election and; 7) never been president already (by election, or other causes).



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True False _____

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Here are six writing tasks about the government of Mexico. Be sure to think about all that you have learned about the Mexican government as you write. Write your answers in complete sentences in your notebook.

Task #1 Every country on earth has some kind of government even though all governments are not alike. All governments have leaders. What is the title of the person who leads the Mexican government? How is he or she selected?

Task #2 Being the leader of a large country like Mexico is a very big task for anyone. What kind of qualities do you think the leader of the Mexican government should have? What kind of qualities do you think the leader of your country should have? Compare the qualities you have given for each leader. Give good reasons for your opinion.

Task #3 Article 3 of the Mexican Constitution of 1917 states, "Every individual has the right to receive education." Why do you think the writers of the Constitution thought an education was so important?

Task #4 All countries have problems which must be solved. Some of these problems are so serious that they are present in most countries (for example, homelessness). If you were president of the United Mexican States which three problems would you try to solve? What would you do to solve them?

Task #5 The Mexican president has many powers. Think about what you have learned about the Mexican government and describe three of the powers the Mexican president has. What document gives him these powers?

Task #6 The Constitution of 1917 states that slavery is forbidden in Mexico. What is slavery? What basic rights are taken away from a person who is a slave to another person or group of people?



Crossword Puzzle!

Word List

balances	dictator
government	judicial
pardon	conflicts
executive	candidate
Deputies	Hidalgo
democracy	Senate
good	sexenio
rights	federation
	titles
	branches
	publishes
	democracy
	selected
	political
	parties
	vote

Down

- Chamber of the _____
- to forgive
- Another word for "might"
- An army should _____ the citizens
- The common _____
- An army should _____ the citizens
- A group of independent states
- Checks and _____
- One who has all the power and rules by force
- The Chamber of _____
- A person who is running for political office

Across

- Presidential term in Mexico
- Person or group of people who make the rules for everyone else
- Privileges due to a person because he lives in a particular place
- Sections of the Mexican Constitution
- Another word for disagreements or battles
- One division of government
- Miguel _____, Mexican patriot
- A form of government in which the people select the ones who govern them
- In a democracy, a citizen casts his _____ for president
- The branch of the Mexican government which makes sure that the laws are constitutional
- Having no government at all
- Judicial, Legislative and _____



Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

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|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| leader | democracy | titles | chambers |
| citizens | independence | branches | publishes |
| rights | hidalgo | sexenio | democracy |
| enforce | sovereign | checks | selected |
| anarchy | mexico city | veto | political |
| monarchy | federation | pardon | parties |
| constitution | president | authority | vote |

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h	e	a	f	e	f	y	s	e	h	s	i	l	b	u	p	h	n



Comprehension Quiz

Part B

Answer each question in complete sentences.

- Explain why the framers of the Constitution built a system of **checks and balances** into the three branches of government. 1

- Describe the qualifications a person must have to run for **president** of the United Mexican States. 3

- In your opinion, what form of government is best for its citizens? Why? 3

- Name each **branch** of the Mexican government and tell what each one does. 6

- Why is **Miguel Hidalgo** important in Mexican history? 2

SUBTOTAL: /15

Currency of Mexico





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a) False - democracy would be best

b) True

c) False - very important

d) True

f) True

g) False - help the president

h) True

i) False - judicial branch

3.

a)

b) F

c)

d)

e) F

f)

g)

h) F

i)

j)

4.

Accept most current information

Answers will vary

Across:

- 1. sexenio
- 3. government
- 4. rights
- 5. Titles
- 6. conflicts
- 7. branch
- 8. Hidalgo
- 10. democracy
- 11. vote
- 12. judicial
- 13. anarchy
- 15. executive

Down:

- 1. Senate
- 2. pardon
- 4. power
- 5. good
- 6. protect
- 7. federation
- 8. balances
- 9. dictator
- 10. Deputies
- 12. candidate

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