

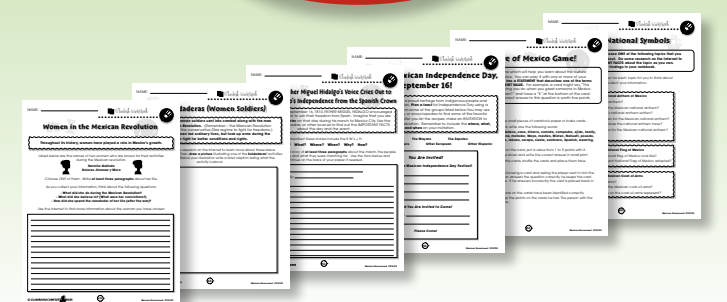
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Departments of the Executive Branch of Government

1. Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the words below.

- a) department _____
- b) conserve _____
- c) resource _____
- d) tourism _____
- e) agriculture _____
- f) pollution _____
- g) crops _____

2. Choose **four** list words from Question 1 above. Write each word in a complete sentence that shows the meaning of the word.

Word: _____
Sentence: _____

Word: _____
Sentence: _____

Word: _____
Sentence: _____

Word: _____
Sentence: _____



Departments of the Executive Branch of Government

As you have already learned, there are three branches of the Mexican government: **executive, legislative, and judicial**. The executive branch has the important job of making sure that the laws of the country are obeyed. Remember that the president is the head of the executive branch. This branch is very large because many people are needed to help the president, and there are many jobs to do.

The president names the people who will help him run the country. These people are called **Secretaries of State**. Each Secretary of State is in charge of a specific area, or **department**, of the executive branch of government. Each department has an important job to help run the country well. For example, one department looks after Mexico's health care. Another department looks after **communication and transportation**. A third department is in charge of **tourism**. The executive branch is divided into many different departments. Let's look at five of them to find out what each one does.

Why is the executive branch of government divided into different departments?

Department of Health

People who work in this department make sure that Mexican citizens have the **medical care** they need. They run special activities and programs to help Mexicans stay healthy, and get the medicines they need if they are sick. Some of these workers also do research on **diseases** and medicines to help fight them.



Departments of the Executive Branch of Government

1. **Circle** the word True if the statement is true. **Circle** the word False if it's false.

- a) The executive branch of the Mexican government is not very big.
True False
- b) It is the job of each state to look after the health care of the people who live there.
True False
- c) Money spent by tourists is important for Mexico's economy.
True False
- d) It doesn't matter if Mexico's natural resources are all used up.
True False
- e) Telephone and mail systems are examples of communication in Mexico.
True False
- f) It is the job of the executive branch of government to help Mexicans who live in rural areas.
True False

2. Use a straight line to match the Department with its job.

Tourism	Teaches people how to grow crops	A
Health	Conserves wildlife and their natural environments	B
Agriculture and Rural Development	Researches diseases and medicines	C
Communications and Transportation	Brings visitors to Mexico	D
Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries	Builds highways and airports	E



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
conflicts	judicial
candidate	protect
Hidalgo	branch
Senate	power
sexenio	anarchy
federation	vote
titles	

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!

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

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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

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After You Read 



Departments of the Executive Branch of Government

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. What are two important jobs of the Department of Health?

4. If a citizen wanted to write a letter about a problem with Mexico's airports, which department would he or she send it to?

5. Why is it important that the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development make sure that land and water in the countryside is not polluted?

6. In your opinion, how important is it that the executive branch of government protects the forests, soils and seas of Mexico? Give good reasons for your answer.

7. Become a Research Detective!

Use an encyclopedia or the Internet to help you find the answers to the following:

Find the names of two more departments in the executive branch of the federal government. Describe the main jobs of each department.

3.

Provide medical care, research diseases and medicines

4.

Communications & Transportation

5.

To keep people, animals and crops healthy

6.

Answers will vary

7.

Accept any verifiable answers

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

EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

