**The Structure of State and Local Governments**

Unit Study Guide Questions

**Federalism:**

1. Under the federal form of government, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government is supreme.
2. Powers of the national government are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Consitution of the United States.
3. Powers not given to the national government are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Where does local government get its power from?
5. What are the primary responsibilties of the national level of government?
6. What are the primary responsiblities of the state level of government?

**SOL 7a:**

What is the structure of Virginia’s state government? Who makes up each branch?

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| Branch:  Who is it? | Branch:  Who is it? | Branch:  Who is it? |

**SOL 7c:**

Illustrate the lawmaking process in Virginia.

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The primary issues in the legislative process at the state level are:

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**SOL 7d:**

Where does the Governor find his/her powers?

What are the main jobs of the executive branch? In the boxes below, identify and illustrate the 5 roles of the Governor.

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**SOL 8:**

Where do local governments get their power?

What is the structure of the government for **towns and cities**? Who makes up each branch?

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| Branch:  Who is it? | Branch:  Who is it? | Branch:  Who is it? |

What is the structure of the government for **counties**? Who makes up each branch?

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| Branch:  Who is it? | Branch:  Who is it? | Branch:  Who is it? |

What is the job of the School Board?

What is the job of the Manager for counties, towns and cities?

What is the job of the Sheriff?

What are the powers of the local governments in Virginia?

**SOL 9c:**

What international issues and events require the local government to make policy decisions?