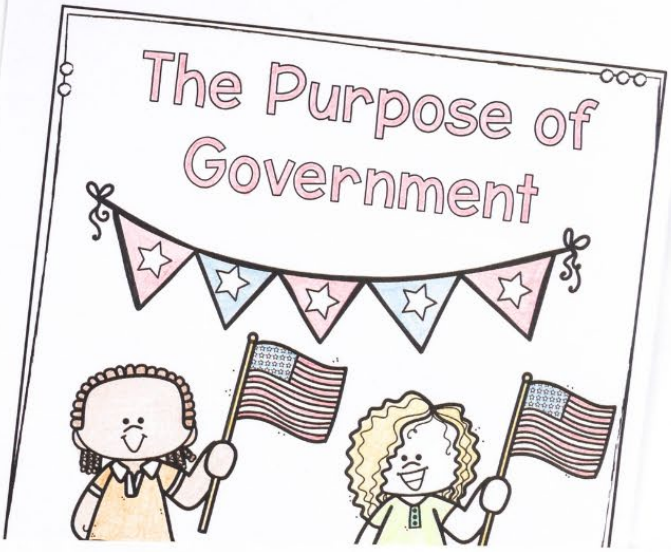
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Supreme Court Justice

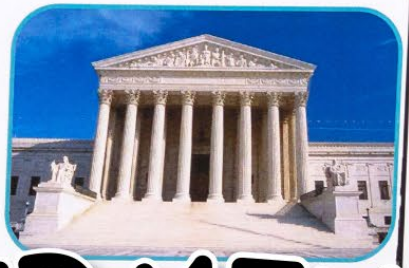
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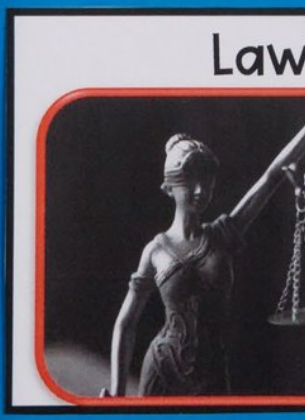



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Federal Laws

Federal laws are laws that are the same for everyone living in the United States. Both branches of Congress must pass federal laws. These laws include:

- Immigration law
- Bankruptcy law
- Social Security and Supplemental Security Income laws
- Federal anti-discrimination and civil rights laws
- Patent and copyright laws
- Federal criminal laws
- Interstate Commerce

State Government

All 50 states have their own system of laws. They also have their own courts. State laws are put into place by state legislature and signed by the governor. These are some laws that vary depending on the state:

- Criminal matters
- Family matters
- Welfare, public assistance, or Medicaid matters
- Wills, inheritances, and estates
- Real estate and other property
- Business contracts
- Personal injuries
- Workers compensation for injuries at work

Local Government

Local governments include counties or cities and towns. In the local government, mayors, city councils, and other governing bodies are elected by the people. They pass laws that directly impact the local community including:

- Public health and safety
- Parking

Career Spotlight

Name: _____

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Research

Read about the current justices here. Fill in the graphic organizer with facts about three justices of your choice.

President Nomination and Year of Appointment	Other Facts
Donald J. Trump 27.10.2020	law clerk for Lawrence H. Silberman
Bush October 23, 1991.	He was assistant attorney in Missouri
Barack Obama May 26, 2009	She was an editor of the Yale Law Journal

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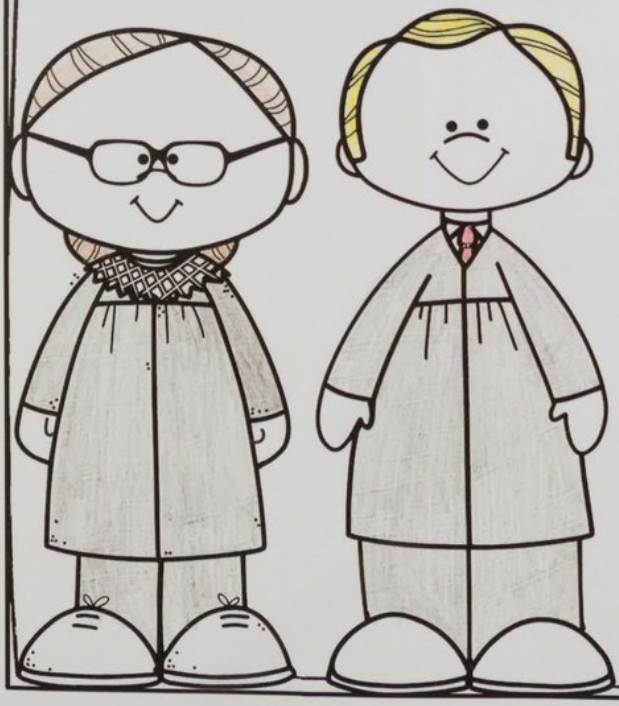
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List three ways the government helps us.

Builds roads

Builds schools

National Security

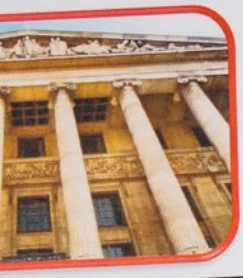








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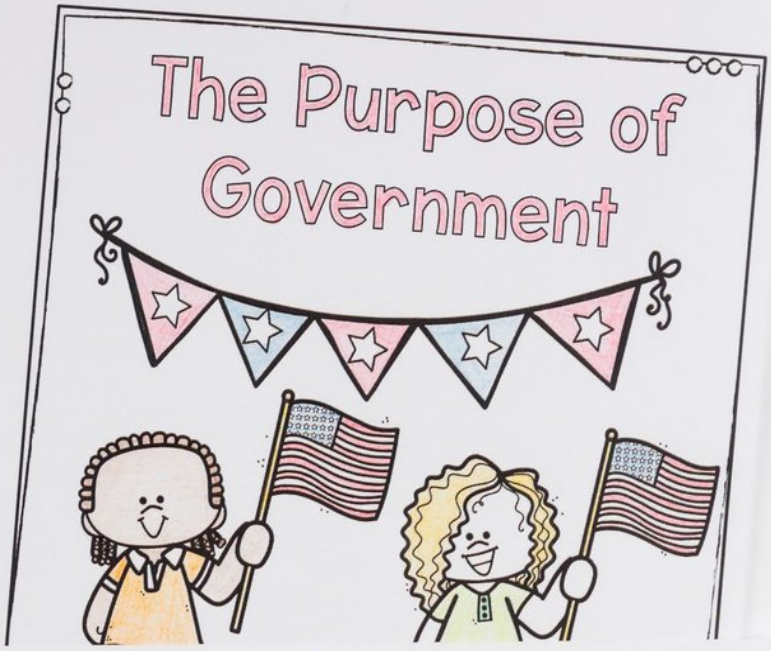
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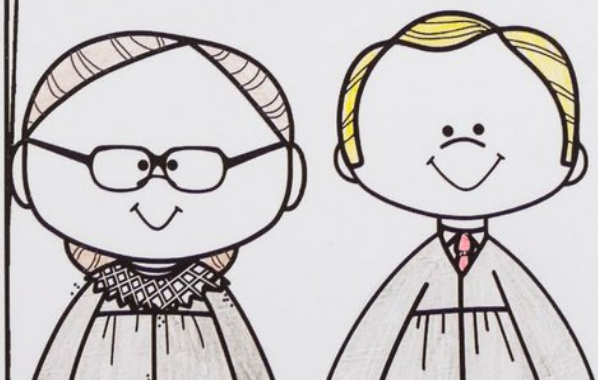
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Unit Instructions

Time Commitment

This unit includes 10 days of lessons. It should take about thirty minutes for each social studies lesson.

This resource includes a Google Slides presentation. The presentation can easily be converted to PowerPoint. This presentation is meant to be used as a whole-class presentation, rather than a student activity.



Click here to access the Google Slides Presentation.
Please Note: This presentation should be used in "Present" mode.

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Unit 1: The Purpose of Government

Preparation:

- Print the vocabulary cards, student books, and worksheets before beginning. Each student will need their own copy of the book and worksheets.
- Picture Book or Read Aloud: *What If Everybody Did That?* by Ellen Javernic
- Prepare your technology to present the PowerPoint presentation and view the videos.

Day 1:

Tell students that this unit is about the purpose of government. We will be learning about why we have government and how the government serves citizens. Show students the vocabulary cards to introduce key vocabulary words. Distribute the K.W.L. chart. Have students share what they know about immigration. Discuss what students are wondering or want to know. Tell students that they will fill in what they learned at the end of this lesson.

Day 2:

Read Aloud: *What If Everybody Did That?* by Ellen Javernic. Read this picture book and discuss the importance of rules and laws.

Day 3:

Distribute the *Purpose of Government* book. Tell students that you will be going through a presentation together and along the way, students will find clues to fill in their books.

Begin the presentation. Review the key vocabulary, and review through slide 6 (The Role of Laws). While you go through the presentation, students should fill in their books. Give them time to color the pictures, as well.

Day 4: Review the vocabulary. Complete presentation slides 8-10 (Local Government).

Day 5: Review the vocabulary. Complete presentation slides 11-13.

Day 6: Complete vocabulary review sheet. Allow students time to complete their books.

Day 7: Reread *What If Everybody Did That?* by Ellen Javernic. Have students work in groups to complete the activities to brainstorm what might happen if everyone ignored laws.

Day 8-9: Career Spotlight: Supreme Court Justice.

Day 10: Give students the lesson quiz. Finally, work as a class to fill in the "L" portion of the K.W.L. Be sure to discuss any misconceptions students had about the purpose of the government.

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Vocabulary

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KWL: The Purpose of Government

Before beginning this unit, discuss what you already know about this topic. What do you hope to learn? At the end of the unit, fill in what you learned. Was your prior knowledge correct?

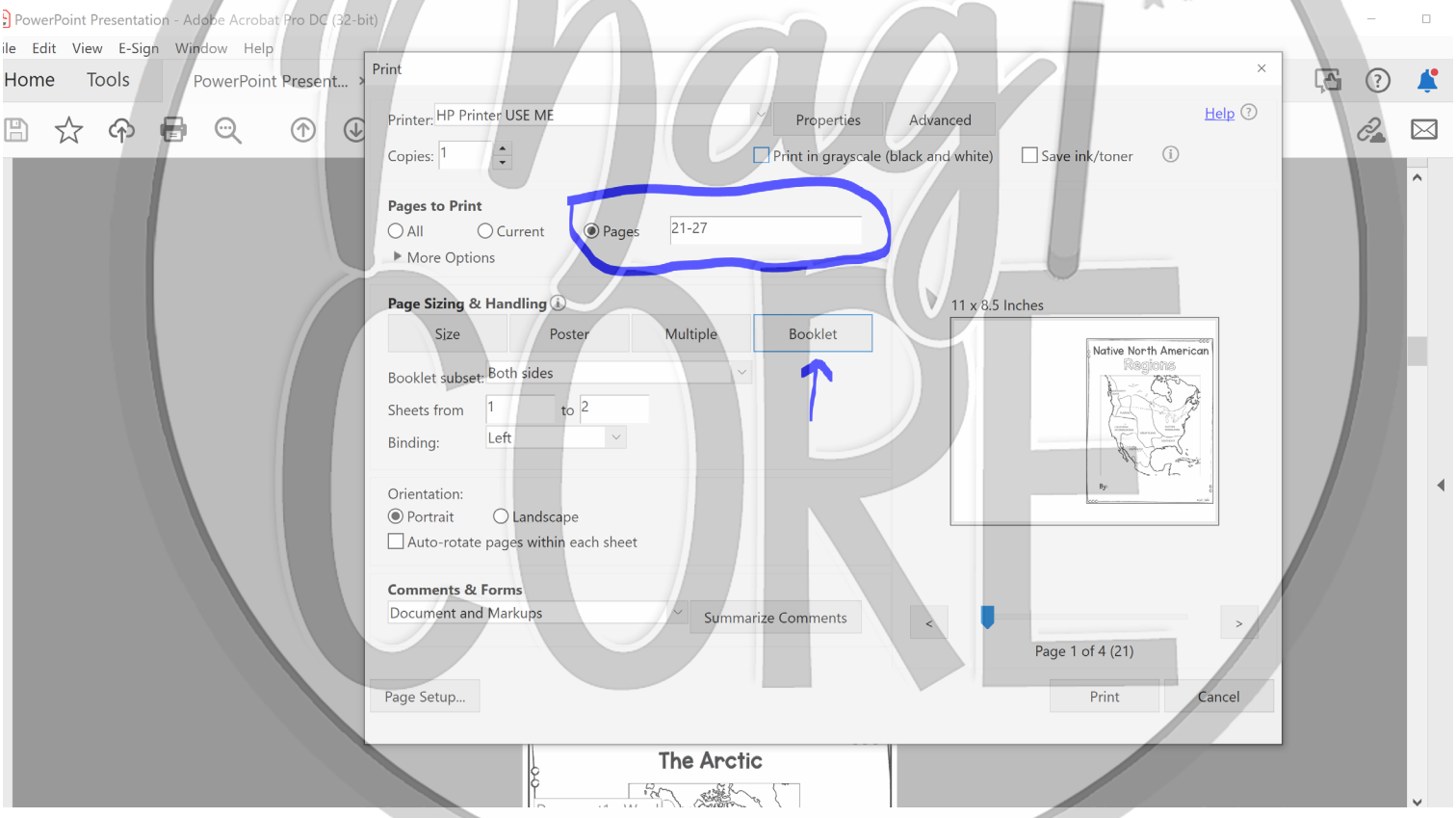
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What do you know about the purpose of the government?	What do you want to learn about the government?	What did you learn about the government?

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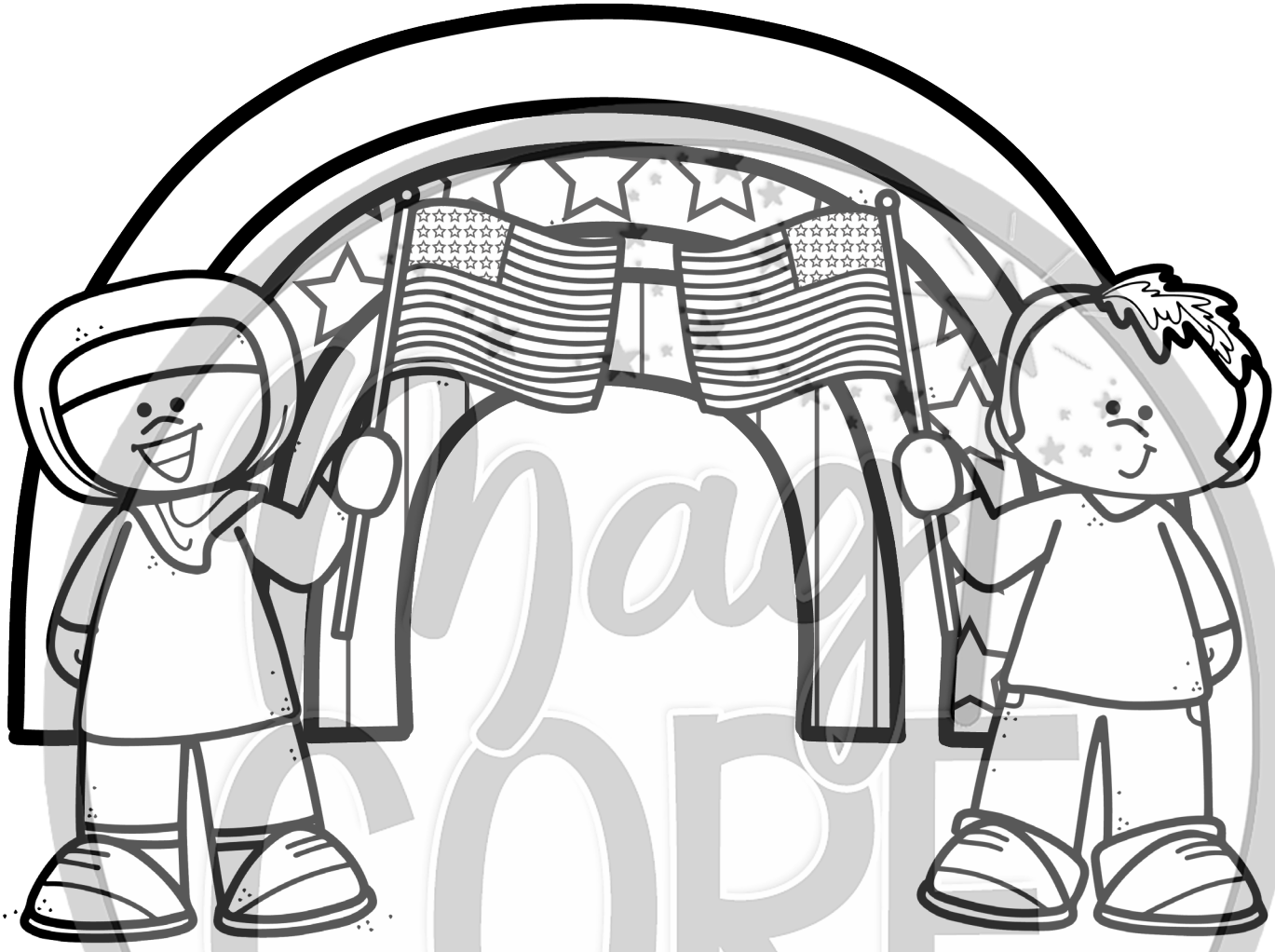
The Purpose of Government



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What is a Government?



A _____ is a group of people that rule a territory, according to the law. The territory may be a country, a state, or a region.

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Why Do People Form Governments?

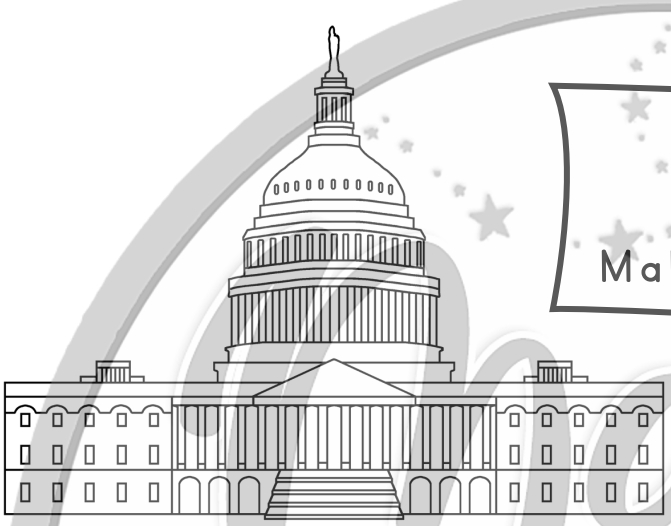


People need _____.
Governments create and enforce _____. Laws are necessary for society to work. Governments keep order. They also _____ us. Governments protect and provide for citizens.

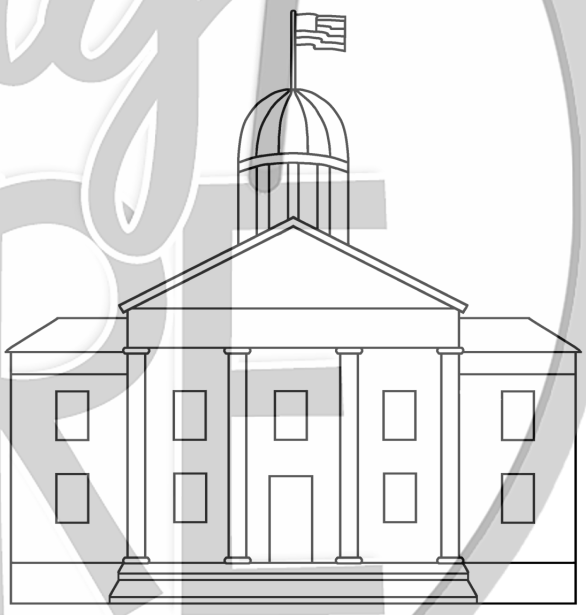
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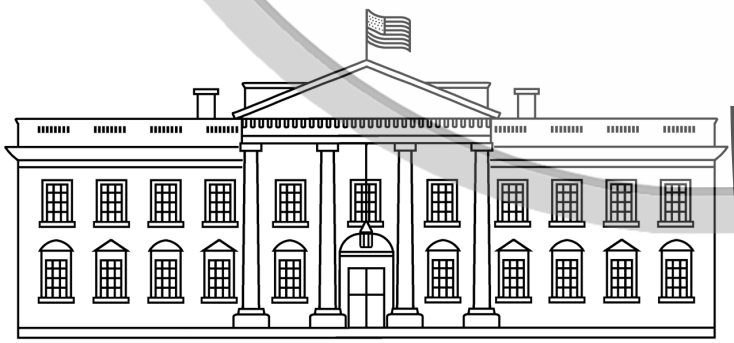
The federal government has _____ branches. Label each branch below.



Makes laws (Congress)



Evaluates laws (Supreme Court and other courts)



Carries out laws (president, vice president, cabinet)

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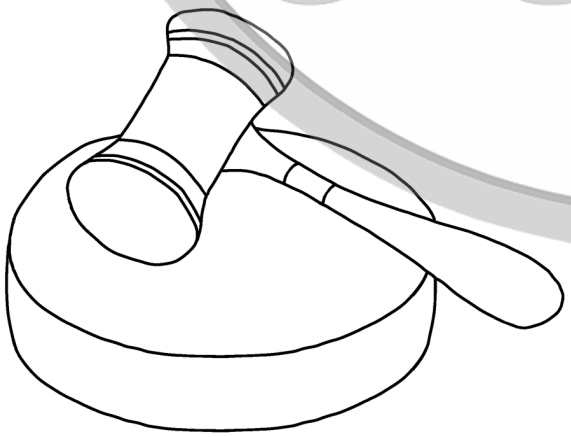
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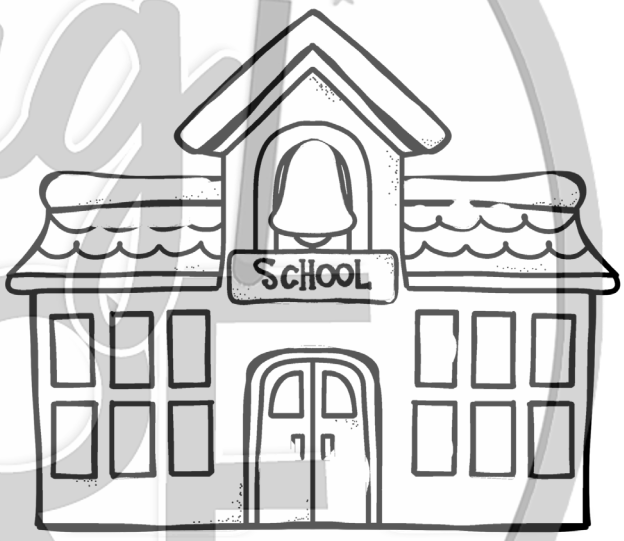


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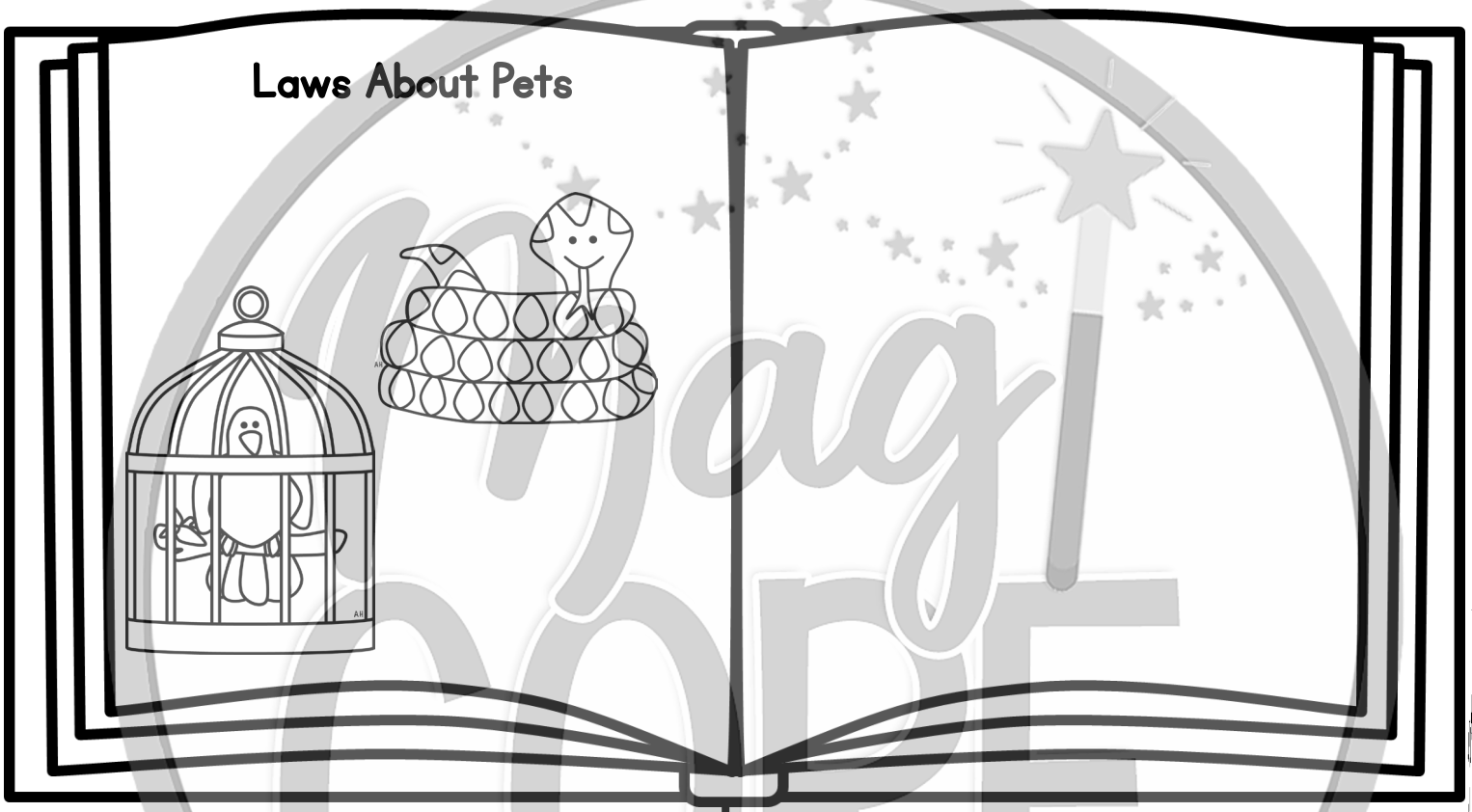


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Read Aloud: *What if Everybody Did That?*

At the beginning of this unit, we read the book *What If Everybody Did That?* by Ellen Javernic. Let's look at some laws. Add a few pages to the book illustrating what might happen if everyone broke the law.



Who makes laws about pets?

- Federal government
- State government
- Local Government

What if everyone ignored laws about pets?

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Summarize the importance of the government.

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