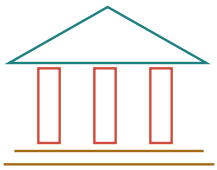
Local Government



Name _____ Date _____

1 Recall, then make a connection.

Start from memory. Write a meaning or quick example for each term.

municipality	county	delegated authority

Distinguish a municipality from a county. Use delegated authority to explain why the nearest public office may not have the power to resolve a particular request.

Context for the task

Local government brings public decisions close to everyday concerns, but local bodies do not all have the same powers. North Carolina's Constitution directs the General Assembly to provide for counties, cities, towns, and other governmental subdivisions. State law gives counties and municipalities defined powers and limits. A city council, county board, school board, and state agency are not interchangeable offices, even when they serve some of the same residents.

2 Build the sequence.

A useful help-desk response

These dates describe the fictional response to the highway request.

Arrange the steps.

A. August 4: Staff explain the county's authority limit and forward the resident's request through the stated channel.

B. August 18: The state agency provides its assessment and next-step information.

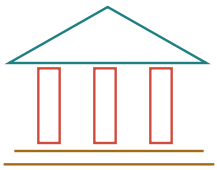
C. September 1: The help desk checks that the resident received the response and understands the available public process.

D. August 3: Staff identify the highway and check the responsible agency.

Sequence: _____ -> _____ -> _____ -> _____

Explain one connection between two neighboring steps.

Evidence, application & transfer.



3 Read the evidence closely.

What would verify the water-service claim?

The help desk says Cedar Town operates the water line identified in the complaint. The resident wants to check that claim.

Select every record directly relevant to service responsibility.

A. The municipal utility's service-area and infrastructure records identifying that line.

B. The applicable service agreement or official responsibility record for the line.

C. The resident's preference for one elected official over another.

D. A county library attendance report.

Selections: _____ Explain your reasoning:

4 Apply the idea.

Correct the civics poster

A poster says, "Every local body has all the powers of the federal government within its boundaries."

Which correction is accurate for the NC framework studied?

A. Local bodies have roles and powers provided through the state's constitutional and legal arrangements, with important differences among bodies.

B. Every city council can independently make international treaties binding the United States.

C. Local government has no legal authority because its powers come through the state.

My choice: _____ Explain why it fits:

5 Carry the idea forward.

Write a response to a resident whose request reached the wrong inbox. Explain the service, the responsible body, the legal or factual basis for that responsibility, and a useful next step.