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## 4EBRILWYREVIEW

### DEMOCRACY

The government of the United States and the government of each of the states are forms of democracy. Citizens hold elections to choose their leaders and representatives in government. Volunteering, charity work, and other service are all examples of citizenship.

The legislative branch of government makes the laws for the nation. The executive branch carries out or enforces the laws. The judicial branch interprets the laws of the states. This process is called the separation of powers. The three branches of government are balanced and work together to ensure that the government is fair and just.

In elections, citizens vote to show their choice. A democracy is a government of, by, and for the people. This means that the people have a say in how they are governed.

The government of each state is also based on democracy. The state legislature is elected by the people, and it makes laws for the state. The state government has executive and judicial branches as well. The state government works to ensure that the laws are followed and that the rights of all citizens are protected.

democracy: a government of, by, and for the people

election: the process of choosing leaders or representatives in government or in a community

volunteer: someone who gives their time or effort to help others without pay or expectation of reward

legislative branch: the part of government that makes laws

#Glossary

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## Chapter 8

### The Government of Louisiana

The government of Louisiana is divided into three branches: legislative, executive, and judicial. Each branch has a set of responsibilities and duties.

**Legislative Branch**

- The legislature is made up of the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- The governor and lieutenant governor are elected by the people to serve as the executive leaders of the state.
- The governor is the chief executive officer and the head of the state government.
- The governor has the power to veto bills passed by the legislature.
- The lieutenant governor acts as the presiding officer of the Senate and serves as governor in the absence of the governor.

**Executive Branch**

- The governor leads the executive branch of the government and is responsible for enforcing laws and policies.
- The governor appoints cabinet members who oversee various state agencies.
- The governor works with the legislature to develop and implement policies to address the needs of the state.
- The governor has the power to negotiate with other states and the federal government.

**Judicial Branch**

- The Louisiana Supreme Court is the highest court in the state and is responsible for interpreting laws.
- The court hears cases that involve disputes between individuals or between individuals and the government.
- The court also hears cases that involve challenges to the constitutionality of laws.
- The court can罢免caljudical review, which means it can review and rule on the validity of laws.

**Chapter Timeline**

- [Historical Event]
- [Important Person]
- [Key Concept]

## Reading Strategy

- preview the content of the chapter
- look for important details that support the main ideas
- use graphic organizers to keep track of information

Get ready for reading.
RATIONALE
BUILD ON WHAT YOU KNOW: Changing the way things have been done can be hard. Britain changed the way the colonies paid taxes, and colonists became angry.

A New Nation Is Born
Main Idea: The American colonies declared themselves free from Britain in 1776.

Defending the colonies in the French and Indian War cost a great deal of money. The British thought that the colonists should help pay for the war. In the 1760s, the British government passed laws that made the colonists pay new taxes. The colonists did not believe that they should pay these taxes because they did not have a representative in the British government.

The colonists took action. They met in Philadelphia in 1776 and wrote the Declaration of Independence. It declared that the colonies were free from Britain.

Food and Shelter
The Natchez hunted animals, gathered wild plants, and practiced agriculture as the other Louisiana Indians did. Corn was their most important crop. Crops are plants grown for food.

The Natchez held the Green Corn Ceremony each year when the first corn was harvested. It was the most important ceremony of the year. They also held the Deer Feast in the spring.

Today corn is still an important crop in Louisiana.

For shelter, the Natchez built both square and round homes by spreading clay and moss over wooden poles. The walls were at least 15 feet high. Grass, woven mats, and sod formed the roof.

Identify the ways the Natchez recorded their history.

Lesson Summary
• Louisiana Indians farmed, hunted animals, and gathered wild plants.
• The Natchez built mounds and were ruled by a king called the Great Sun.

Why It Matters...
The first people of Louisiana depended on Earth's water, plants, and wildlife to survive. People still depend on nature's resources today.

CORE LESSONS
Core Lesson
Vocabulary strategies help with word meanings.

Before you read, use your prior knowledge.

Reading skills support your understanding of the text.

Practice summarizing the lesson.

Studying social studies means asking why ideas are important to remember.

After you read, pull it together!