

THIRD GRADE

ACTIVITY 1 – Levels of government [FCAT: Reading Comp]

SS 3 C 3 1 Identify the levels of government (local, state, federal).

The teacher will introduce and discuss each level of government (local, state, and federal).

Students will then complete a worksheet where they will be required to read scenarios and identify which government level should be involved for a solution to the scenario (see Appendix C).

ACTIVITY 2 – Need for government [FCAT: Writes]

SS 3 C 1 1 Explain the purpose and need for government.

The teacher will discuss with the students, the need for government in the world we live in and our lives.

The students will write a paragraph on the following writing prompt: *What life would be like without a government, should we have a government or not, why?*

ACTIVITY 3 – How government gains its power

SS 3 C 1 2 Describe how government gains its power from the people.

The class will conduct a mock debate and have a mock election. Students, in teams, will represent a candidate from the current presidential debate and speak on their behalf on current issues.

After the debate, the class will vote by completing a ballot and the teacher will tally the votes to announce the winner.