

Chapter 4 Review Sheet

Lesson 1 (Pages 142 through 149):

- 1) The **Constitution** is the plan for how our country works. It lists goals of the country and tells how the government is set up.
- 2) The government is made up of three branches.
 - a) The **legislative branch** makes the laws. This branch is also called Congress, and is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
 - b) The **executive branch** carries out laws. This branch is also in charge of other parts of the government that print money, take care of national parks, and even keep our food safe. The president is the leader of this branch!
 - c) The **judicial branch** is made up of courts. The Supreme Court is the most powerful court in the country! This branch makes sure laws follow the Constitution.

Lesson 2 (Pages 151 through 155):

- 1) Once an idea is written down for the government to decide on, it is called a **bill**.
- 2) After Congress says yes to a bill, the president can sign it and then it is a law! The president can also **veto** a bill, which means he rejects it. In this case, Congress would have to vote on it again!
- 3) Our Constitution makes sure that no one branch gets too much power. It does this through a system called **checks and balances**.

Lesson 3 (Pages 159 through 164):

- 1) Cities and towns have local governments. This means the town you live in has its own government!
- 2) The country's government is called the national government. It is also called the **federal government**.
- 3) When the government takes a count of the population, this is called a **census**.
- 4) Local, state, and federal governments all work together to keep highways working, parks operating, and citizens safe!