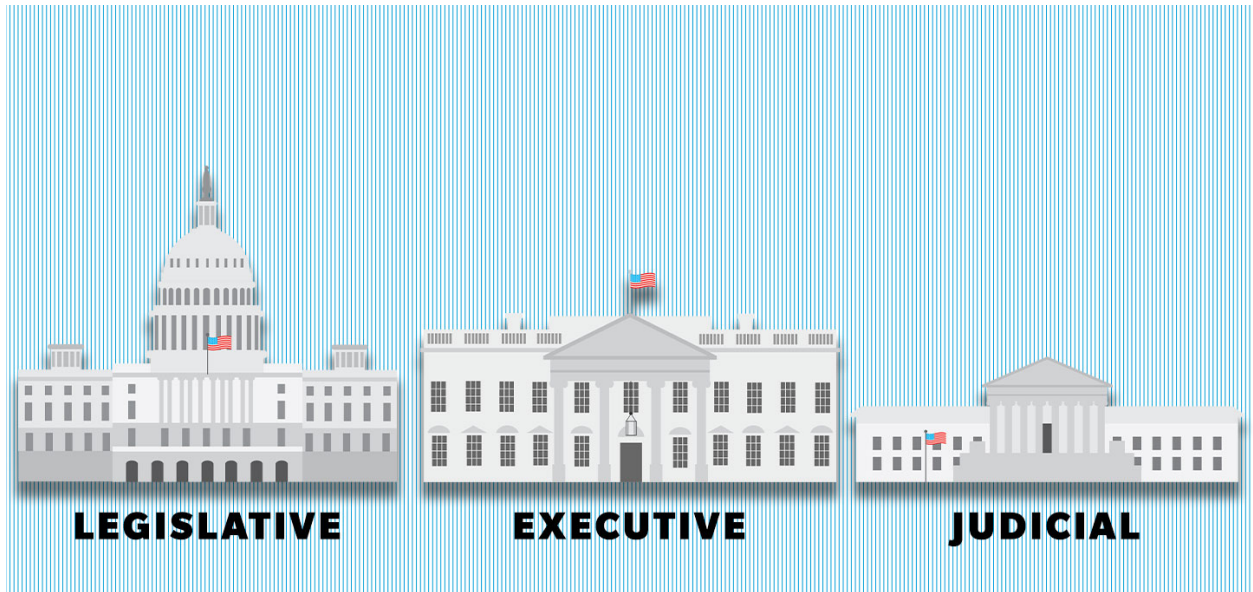


Bureaucracy Excitement Handout



Questions for Consideration

1. Have you heard the term bureaucracy before?
2. What do you think it means?

View the *Crash Course Government #16* clip, which explores the different types of governing agencies. As you watch, fill in the information in the chart below to the best of your ability:

Executive Departments (Cabinet Levels)	Independent Agencies (Commissions)	Committees (We will discuss these later)
Name an example of one you heard from the video:	Name an example of one you heard from the video:	

Define the Terms:

Bureaucracy -

Department -

Executive Office -

Independent Agency -

Regulation-

Did you know, there is a government handbook detailing each of these departments and how they function? Let's take a look!! Visit the United States Government Manual website at <https://usgovernmentmanual.gov/GMEntireStructure> and explore the various bureaucratic departments. See what you can discover and write your observations below:

Now that you hold familiarity with the site, find the *Department of Transportation* and answer the questions below:



Under which branch of the federal government is the Department of Transportation?

Who is the current Secretary of Transportation?

What is the state equivalent to this federal department? (HINT: Google it to find the answer)

What was the name and U.S. Code of the legislation that created the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)?

What public purpose does the NHTSA serve?

OPTIONAL: Now that you know the complexities of these governing bodies, do a search to complete the table below. Be prepared to share information with your peers.

	Legislative	Executive	Judicial
Name of Department/Agency /Office			
Address			
Name of person in charge			
Synopsis of what they do.			

Extension Activity: Research an agency of the federal government, and create a timeline that outlines the establishment of that agency. Include the enabling statute (legislation), and any prior agencies of which it was a part. Sometimes agencies join or absorb one another, or they are combined to create new agencies like the Department of Homeland Security.