

Sample Answers “A Very Big Branch”

Directions: Using the “A Very Big Branch” iCivics reading, answer the following questions below.

We’ve Got a Job to Do

1. Who is the head of the executive branch at the national level?
The President of the United States

Help By Many

2. Give 3 examples of departments and explain why they are important.
 - Department of Justice- works to prevent crime
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation- investigates crimes
 - Drug Enforcement Administration- deals with crimes that are related to drugs and controlled substances
3. What is the President’s cabinet? Why are they important to the executive branch?
A group of experts on a certain topic that advise the President. The cabinet is important because they lead each department and give the President advice.

Carrying Out Laws: Enforcement

4. What are three examples of what an agency can do and why it is important?
 - Educate the public about new laws- to prevent people from breaking the law and keep people safe
 - Monitor that laws are being followed- to keep everyone safe
 - To escort people to court- to make sure that people who broke the law have a consequence

Carrying out Laws: Regulations

5. What are regulations?
The rules the executive branch makes about how laws should be carried out.

Agencies Enforce and Regulate

6. Why do agencies enforce laws and create regulations?
Each agency understands the laws that are in place and knows what types of regulations should be in place to reinforce their agency’s mission and goal.

Maintaining Order and Safety

7. Give an example of a part of the executive branch that keeps people safe and what the organization does.
The Secret Service protects the President, Vice Presidents, and their families.

Busy, Busy

8. Why is it important to have an executive branch that is so large and always working?
Enforcing and carrying out laws is something that needs to happen daily in order to keep people safe.