



State Government and Citizenship

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Grade: Grade 4

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- A) The governor signing a bill
- B) A court ruling that a new law is unconstitutional
- C) A senator giving a speech
- D) Citizens voting in an election

Part B: Fill in the Blank

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