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## Unpacking the Standards Unit 4: Georgia's State Government

**At the end of the Unit:** Students should have a basic understanding for how the state government works. We will examine all three branches of state government: the Executive branch, Legislative Branch, and Judicial Branch. We will look at the foundations of our government, the role of each branch of government, and how they work together to govern our state. We will also examine how the state systems deal with juveniles and examine the local (city and county) governments. This unit is our largest and arguable the most difficult.

### Standards:

**CG1- Describe the foundations of Georgia's Government**

**CG2- Analyze the role of the legislative Branch in Georgia**

- a. Explain the qualifications for members of the General Assembly and its role as the law-making body of Georgia.
- b. Describe the purpose of the committee system within the Georgia General Assembly.
- c. Explain the process for making a law in Georgia.
- d. Describe how state government is funded and how spending decisions are made.

**CG3- Analyze the role of the executive branch in Georgia state government.**

- a. Explain the qualifications for the governor and lieutenant governor and their role in the executive branch of state government.
- b. Describe how the executive branch fulfills its role through state agencies that administer programs and enforce laws.

**CG4- Analyze the role of the judicial branch in Georgia state government.**

- a. Describe the ways that judges are selected in Georgia.
- b. Analyze the dual purpose of the judicial branch: to interpret the laws of Georgia and administer justice in our legal system.
- c. Explain the difference between criminal law and civil law.
- d. Explain the steps in the adult criminal justice system beginning with arrest.

**CG5- Explain how the Georgia court system treats juvenile offenders.**

**CG6- Analyze the role of local governments in the state of Georgia.**

### What do the standards say?

1. What three branches of government are we going to examine?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
2. We will examine the \_\_\_\_\_ system within the Georgia General Assembly, which is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ branch.
3. The executive branch fulfills its role through \_\_\_\_\_ that help to enforce laws.
4. What are the two purposes of the judicial branch?
  - a.
  - b.
5. We will examine how court systems treat \_\_\_\_\_ offenders.
6. What two types of law will we examine?
  - a.
  - b.