

## GUIDED READING

### A Place Called Mississippi

#### Chapter 13: Federal and State Government

##### Section 3 State Government

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 359 - 370 to complete the following.

1. Each of the \_\_\_\_\_ states has a written \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Like the U.S. Constitution, the \_\_\_\_\_ Constitution of 1890 is based on the principles of the rule of \_\_\_\_\_, popular sovereignty, limited government, separation of powers, and checks and balances.
3. Rather than drafting a \_\_\_\_\_ document, most Mississippians have preferred to \_\_\_\_\_ the 1890 document.
4. An important part of all constitutions is the \_\_\_\_\_ process.
5. The process of \_\_\_\_\_ the state \_\_\_\_\_ normally \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, where two-thirds of the members of both \_\_\_\_\_ may propose an amendment.
6. The proposed amendment is then submitted to a popular \_\_\_\_\_ in the next \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ vote is necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ the amendment.
8. Mississippians may also \_\_\_\_\_ constitutional \_\_\_\_\_ through a procedure called indirect initiative.
9. In an \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ amendments to the legislature.

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10. The \_\_\_\_\_ branch of the \_\_\_\_\_ government is a \_\_\_\_\_ legislature which includes the \_\_\_\_\_ and House of \_\_\_\_\_.

11. There are \_\_\_\_\_ state senators and \_\_\_\_\_ representatives, who are elected from districts throughout the state.

12. Members of the Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_-year terms, and are not \_\_\_\_\_.

13. A state \_\_\_\_\_ must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ years old, a \_\_\_\_\_ for four years, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ from which he or she is elected for two years prior to the election.

14. A member of the \_\_\_\_\_ must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ years old, a state resident for four years, and a resident of the district from which he or she is elected for two years before the election.

15. A person who has been \_\_\_\_\_ of a serious \_\_\_\_\_, such as bribery or fraud, is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ public \_\_\_\_\_ in Mississippi.

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ officer of the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ governor, who is \_\_\_\_\_ by the people.

17. The presiding officer of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Representatives is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the House, who is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ of the House.

18. Most of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the state \_\_\_\_\_ is done through committees.

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19. A \_\_\_\_\_ of the legislature is a small group of representatives or senators who study \_\_\_\_\_ on a particular subject and make \_\_\_\_\_ to the full membership of each house.
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of committees are the most \_\_\_\_\_ members of the legislature because \_\_\_\_\_ determine which \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ in their committees.
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ meets in regular sessions every \_\_\_\_\_ in Jackson on the \_\_\_\_\_ following the first Monday in \_\_\_\_\_.
22. In addition to its authority to \_\_\_\_\_, the Mississippi legislature also has broad \_\_\_\_\_ powers.
23. If no \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ receives a \_\_\_\_\_ [of votes] in the general election, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Representatives will \_\_\_\_\_ the governor.
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ also has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ or file charges \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and other public officials.
25. The usual journey of a \_\_\_\_\_ begin with its introduction in one house.
26. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to a committee for discussion and debate.
27. If the bill is \_\_\_\_\_ of committee, it is placed on a calendar for \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_.
28. If the bill is \_\_\_\_\_, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ for consideration.

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29. If a bill is \_\_\_\_\_ by either house, a joint \_\_\_\_\_ committee is usually appointed to work out the differences.
30. If an \_\_\_\_\_ is reached, a report is sent to both houses for final \_\_\_\_\_.
31. Once a bill \_\_\_\_\_ both houses, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, who may \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (reject, refuse to sign) the bill.
32. If a governor \_\_\_\_\_ a bill, a two-thirds majority of each \_\_\_\_\_ of the legislature \_\_\_\_\_ the bill over the governor's veto.
33. The primary \_\_\_\_\_ of Mississippi's \_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the state.
34. The governor must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old, a \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States for twenty years, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ for at least the five years immediately before the election.
35. The governor is elected for a \_\_\_\_\_-year term and may serve \_\_\_\_\_ in succession.
36. The governor may \_\_\_\_\_ officials in the executive branch in addition to those who are elected.
37. The governor can \_\_\_\_\_ reprieves and pardons to persons \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ state laws..
38. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a postponement of a sentence.
39. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a legal forgiveness of the crime.

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40. The \_\_\_\_\_ governor is \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time and for the same \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ and assumes the governor's duties if that \_\_\_\_\_ becomes \_\_\_\_\_.

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ oversees and maintains Mississippi's official \_\_\_\_\_.

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the chief \_\_\_\_\_ officer for the state.

43. The state \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ (examining) all state agencies, local governments, and public schools.

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45. Other elected executive officials include the commissioner of \_\_\_\_\_ and commerce; commissioner of \_\_\_\_\_, public service commissioners; and transportation commissioners.

46. In addition to the elected executive officials, there are more than sixty \_\_\_\_\_, boards, and commissions in the \_\_\_\_\_ branch of state government.

47. Among the most important of these agencies are the Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_, which \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and development of the state's \_\_\_\_\_.

48. There are \_\_\_\_\_ separate \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.

49. \_\_\_\_\_ Courts try cases involving \_\_\_\_\_ law, and \_\_\_\_\_ courts \_\_\_\_\_ involving state law.

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50. The \_\_\_\_\_ Supreme Court is the \_\_\_\_\_ court in the \_\_\_\_\_ and hears \_\_\_\_\_ from Circuit and Chancery Courts.
51. The Supreme Court has \_\_\_\_\_ justices who are \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_-year terms.
52. The Mississippi Court of \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ judges elected for staggered eight-year terms.
53. \_\_\_\_\_ Courts have jurisdiction over \_\_\_\_\_ involving \_\_\_\_\_ and alimony, child custody and support, \_\_\_\_\_ and estates, minors' affairs, and cases of \_\_\_\_\_.
54. Most Chancery Court \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ proceedings, but juries may be impaneled under certain conditions.
55. \_\_\_\_\_ Courts have original jurisdiction in serious crimes such as \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ and in disputes between citizens involving amounts more than two hundred dollars.
56. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Circuit Court are usually made by juries.
57. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ chosen from a list of registered \_\_\_\_\_ to hear evidence in a trial and to determine the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of the person on trial.
58. The decision of the jury is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
59. \_\_\_\_\_ are prosecutors who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ cases brought before circuit judges.
60. The major source of \_\_\_\_\_ for state government is the general \_\_\_\_\_.

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61. It is \_\_\_\_\_ (charged on most items and services purchased) in Mississippi with some few exceptions.

62. The second \_\_\_\_\_ source of \_\_\_\_\_ is the individual \_\_\_\_\_, which is levied on a \_\_\_\_\_ annual \_\_\_\_\_.

63. The income tax is a \_\_\_\_\_ tax, which means that, the more a person earns, the larger percent of that income a person pays in income taxes.

64. Most of the \_\_\_\_\_ from these taxes goes into the state's \_\_\_\_\_.

65. The largest general fund expenditure is for \_\_\_\_\_.