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# US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS #1 INTRODUCTION

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republic	government	educated	citizens	election

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- ☐ 6. So one way that people can participate in government is through \_\_\_\_\_.
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- ☐ 8. Probably the most important thing that you can do to participate in government and politics is both the easiest and most challenging, become more \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ 9. We'll be talking about things like the structure and function of the branches of government, and the division of \_\_\_\_\_ between the national government and the state governments.
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**Answer Key**

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