Reading Social Studies

When you **summarize**, you restate the key points, or most important ideas, in your own words.

Focus Skill Summarize

Complete this graphic organizer to summarize how federal, state, and local governments work together for the good of all citizens. A copy of this graphic organizer appears on page 138 of the Homework and Practice Book.

Californians and Government

Key Fact
All levels of government operate only with citizens' approval.

Key Fact
Each level of government can only exist with written laws that are accepted by the people.

Summary

California Writing Prompts

Write a Summary Imagine you are going to teach a group of second graders about government in California at the state and local levels. Write a speech that summarizes how each level is organized.

Write a Report Write a report about an elected government official you read about in this chapter. Explain the duties of a person in that position, and tell why the job is important in the running of the government.

Use Vocabulary

Use a term from the list to complete each sentence.

democracy, p. 463
federal, p. 463
budget, p. 473
veto, p. 473
recall, p. 475
county, p. 481

1. Voters in California can _____ the governor.
2. The governor decided to _____ the bill.
3. The United States Supreme Court is part of the _____ government.
4. San Bernardino is the largest _____ in California.
5. The new state _____ calls for spending more money on after-school programs.
6. In a _____, people make decisions by voting.

Apply Skills

Read a Flowchart

7. Examine the flowchart on pages 478 and 479 to answer the question. What happens before a bill is voted on by members of the California Assembly and Senate?

Make an Economic Decision

8. ANALYSIS SKILL Think about an economic decision you or someone you know has made recently. What were some of the trade-offs involved? What were some of the opportunity costs?

Recall Facts

Answer these questions.

9. How are the jobs of United States Senator, state assembly member, and county supervisor alike?
10. Which branch of the California state government prepares the state budget?
11. What special powers does the California Constitution give the state's voters that voters in many other states do not have?
12. What special rights do Indian tribes in California have?

Write the letter of the best choice.

13. What is the highest level of local government in California?
    - **A** municipal government
    - **B** county government
    - **C** school district
    - **D** state supreme court
14. Who is head of the state's executive branch of government?
    - **A** governor
    - **B** county sheriff
    - **C** President of the United States
    - **D** chief justice of the Supreme Court

Think Critically

15. ANALYSIS SKILL Do you think it is a good idea to give voters the power to recall officials? Explain.
16. Why might it be necessary to create a special district or regional body to fix a problem?