

California Government Assessment

“California, Here I Come”

Commandants: This assessment may be used at the end of the entire C1B Section, or you can pull out the questions from each lesson, which are identified by the lesson number.

Name _____

1. Fill in the blanks for the following questions using words from this box:

The Governor	May	Chief Justice	The Voters
The Assembly	Ronald Reagan	The Senate	Judicial
Green	Superior	Jerry Brown	The Governor
November	Legislative	Four	September
Executive	Chief Justice	Earl Warren	Hiram Johnson
June	Two	Red	Six

B1. The three branches of California government are: _____, _____
and _____.

B1. The officials in the Cabinet work for _____.

B2. Members of the State Assembly are elected to _____ - year terms.

B2. The furnishings in the Senate are _____, while those in the Assembly are _____.

B3. The lowest level of court in California is the _____ court.

B3. The head of the judicial branch is the _____.

B4. For a bill to become a law, it must be approved by both the _____ and the
_____.

B4. The _____ signs approved bills into law.

B5. The California Governor who went on to become President of the US was _____.

B5. The California Governor who was a Cadet in the CACC was _____.

B6. Biannually, elections are held in California in _____ and _____.

B6. The final say on whether a ballot initiative becomes law is up to _____.

Match the government position with the branch of government:

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| 1. _____ The Governor | A. Executive Branch |
| 2. _____ The Secretary of State | B. Legislative Branch |
| 3. _____ The Chief Justice | C. Judicial Branch |
| 4. _____ The Attorney General | |
| 5. _____ Assembly Members | |
| 6. _____ State Agencies | |
| 7. _____ The Adjutant General | |
| 8. _____ Superior Courts | |
| 9. _____ The Military Department | |
| 10. _____ The State Comptroller | |
| 11. _____ State Senators | |
| 12. _____ Superintendent of Public Instruction | |

Select True (T) or False (F) for the following statements:

- B1. T / F The 9 statewide officials elected by the voters every four years are called "plural executives."
- B2. T / F Term limits limit the members of the legislature to a total of 20 years in any house position.
- B3. T / F There are 60 Superior Courts, one in each county of California.
- B4. T / F A bill that is in conference committee has passed the vote in the Senate and Assembly.
- B5. T / F The first governor of California resigned from office after his first year.
- B6. T / F Elections are held on the second Tuesday of the month.

Select the best answer for the following questions. Numbers indicate lesson pulled from.

- B1. Which of the following is NOT a role of the governor indicated in the state constitution?
- a. Commander in Chief
 - b. Party Leader
 - c. Chief Justice
 - d. Legislative Leader

- B1. Which of the following officials heads the Military Department?
- a. The Secretary of State
 - b. The Attorney General
 - c. The Surgeon General
 - d. The Adjutant General

- B2. How many Senators are there in the California Senate?
- a. 80
 - b. 60
 - c. 40
 - d. 20

- B2. Who leads the California Assembly?
- a. The Governor
 - b. The Lieutenant Governor
 - c. The President Pro Tem
 - d. The Speaker

B3. How many Courts of Appeal districts are there in California?

- a. Two
- b. Four
- c. Six
- d. Eight

B3. The California Supreme Court hears cases in (select ALL that apply)

- a. Sacramento
- b. San Francisco
- c. Bakersfield
- d. Los Angeles

B4. Where does the floor debate and vote take place?

- a. The Senate
- b. The Assembly
- c. The Governor's Office
- d. A and B

B4. What vote is needed to pass the state budget?

- a. Two thirds of both the Senate and Assembly
- b. Majority of both the Senate and Assembly
- c. Three fourths of both the Senate and Assembly
- d. Half of both the Senate and ASsembly

B5. The California Governor who became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was

- a. Gray Davis
- b. Earl Warren
- c. Arnold Schwarzenegger
- d. Goodwin Knight

B5. The longest-serving governor in California history was

- a. Milton Latham
- b. Earl Warren
- c. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown
- d. Jerry Brown

B6. Which office of state government accepts a ballot initiative for the election?

- a. The Legislature
- b. The Chief Justice
- c. The Secretary of State
- d. The Attorney General

B6. If you want to enact a state law but don't have the support of the legislature, you can do it through

- a. Referendum
- b. Ballot Initiative
- c. Proposition
- d. Ballot Proposal