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MY GOVERNMENT CONNECTIONS

Use the chart. Notice a leader. Ask a question.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. FIND THREE PEOPLE

On the chart:
- Circle the governor.
- Underline a Select Board member.
- Put a star beside our U.S. representative.

2. THINK • PAIR • SHARE

A town park needs a safer path. Which level of government would you ask for help first? Tell your partner why.

Level: _____

Leader or group: _____

3. MY VOICE MATTERS

Write one question you could ask that leader or group. Share it with the class.

_____

_____

Remember: No single leader makes every decision.

TEACHER NOTES & SOURCES

Town example: West Tisbury, where MVPCS is located. Students' home towns may have different local leaders. The chart shows selected offices; courts and other officials also have responsibilities.

Quick key: Governor: Maura Healey. Select Board: any of the three listed members. U.S. representative: Bill Keating. Park question: start with town government; accept a relevant local group and explanation.

CURRENT LEADERS CHECKED OCTOBER 20, 2026

West Tisbury: Select Board

MA Secretary: Guide to Town Meetings

MA Secretary: Governor and state officers

MA Legislature: Senator Julian Cyr

MA Legislature: Representative Thomas Moakley

White House: President Donald Trump

U.S. Senate: Massachusetts senators

U.S. House: Representative Bill Keating

USAGov: Branches of government

MVPCS: School location

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Examples show common responsibilities. Levels of government can work together on the same problem.

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Bill Keating

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