VS.10a Identifying the three branches of Virginia Government and the Function of Each

Teaching Tips: Make a hot dog fold with a 1” tab uncovered along the side. Cut the overlapping section to make 3 flaps. Glue the title in the 1” tab. Glue the 3 branches on flaps, one per section. Students write more details to describe each branch underneath each flap, or teachers may choose to use the pre-printed rectangles on the next page and have students add drawings to aid memory. For details, refer to the Curriculum Framework, page 40.

The Three Branches Virginia’s Government

**Legislative Branch**
- The General Assembly
- Makes State Laws

**Judicial Branch**
- State Court System
- Determines if laws agree with Virginia’s Constitution

**Executive Branch**
- Governor
- Makes sure state laws are carried out
This branch has two parts

- Senate
- House of Delegates

This branch decides cases about people accused of breaking the law.

The governor heads the executive branch.