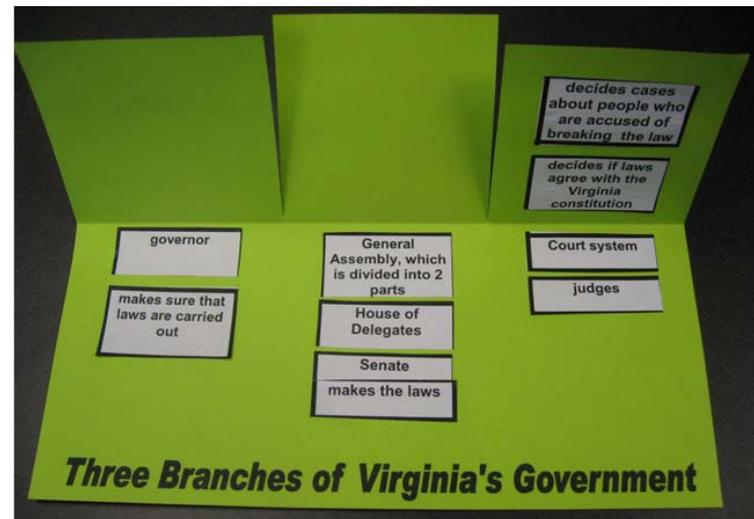# VS.10a Three Branches of Virginia State Government

Directions:
- Copy the template below, front to back, onto 8 ½ x 11" white or colored paper so that the title "Three Branches of Virginia's Government" is at the top, upside down, and the words **executive, legislative, and judicial** are on the reverse side, at the bottom of the page.
- Students fold the three terms (**executive, legislative, and judicial**) over and crease, hotdog fold, but creasing off center, leaving a tab, so that the title "Three Branches of Virginia's Government" can be seen.
- Cut on the dotted lines between the 3 words, creating 3 tabs.
- Lift each tab and write underneath details about the function of each branch as well as the people who work in each branch.
- Refer to page 37 in the *2008 Curriculum Framework* for additional details.

Answer Key:

executive	governor	Makes sure that the state laws are carried out.
legislative	General Assembly , which has two parts: Senate and House of Delegates.	Makes state laws
judicial	State's court system	Decides cases about people accused of breaking the law. Decides wheter or not a law agrees with Virginia's constitution.

VGLA adaptation:

To use for VGLA evidence, offer these statements in the rectangles below for students to sort and select. Notice that some additional statements are added to the sort activity that do not fit. The choices below include these extra choices. The student would need to sort the statement strips independently and this should be noted with a teacher note

General Assembly, which is divided into 2 parts	governor	House of Delegates	makes sure that laws are carried out
postmaster	Senate	judges	makes the laws
general secretary	decides if laws agree with the Virginia constitution	decides who should run for office	decides cases about people who are accused of breaking the law
Court system	fire marshal	chief of staff	

Three Branches of Virginia's Government

Judicial

Legislative

Executive

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