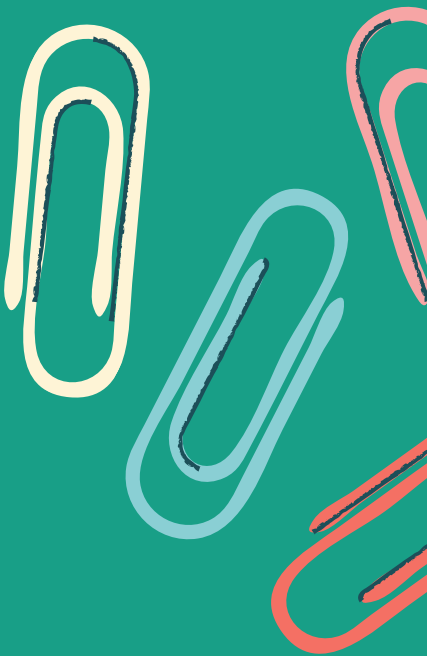


# SEPARATION OF POWERS

ANALYSIS OF POWER



TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MIN

LESSON PLAN 3 | AHMED KATHRADA FOUNDATION



**OBJECTIVE: Breaking down the power dynamics within our democracy.**

**SOURCES: Civics Academy**

**VOCABULARY:**





# **BREAKING DOWN OUR DEMOCRACY**

SPHERES OF GOVERNMENT

## **GOVERNANCE:**

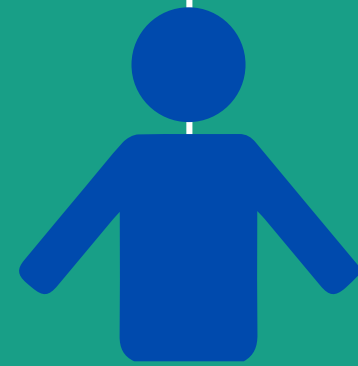
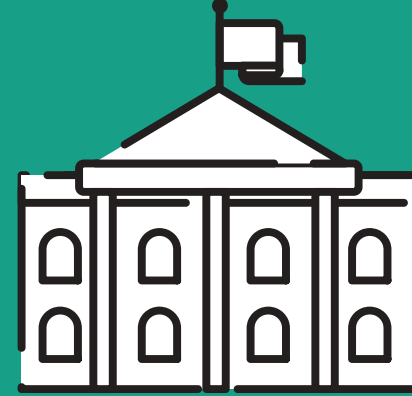
**This is the system/rule by which a state/nation  
is ruled.**

**e.g. a democracy, republic etc.**

**In South Africa we have a democratic form of  
government.**



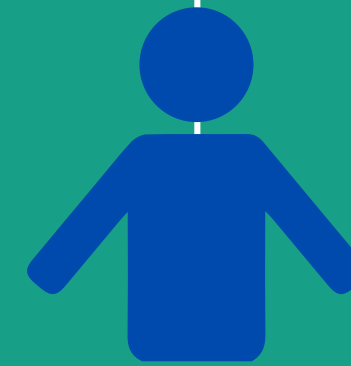
**GOVERNMENT:**



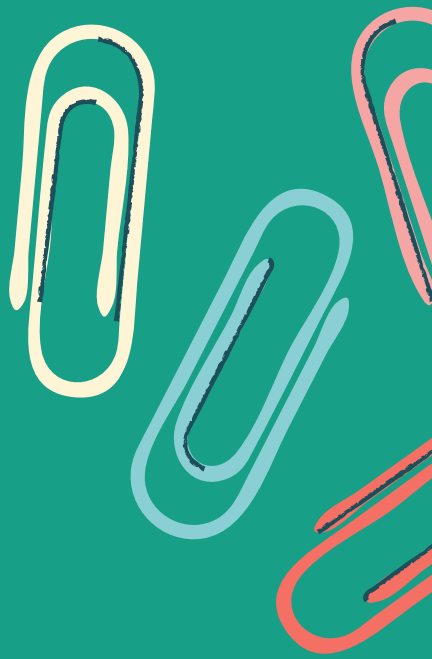
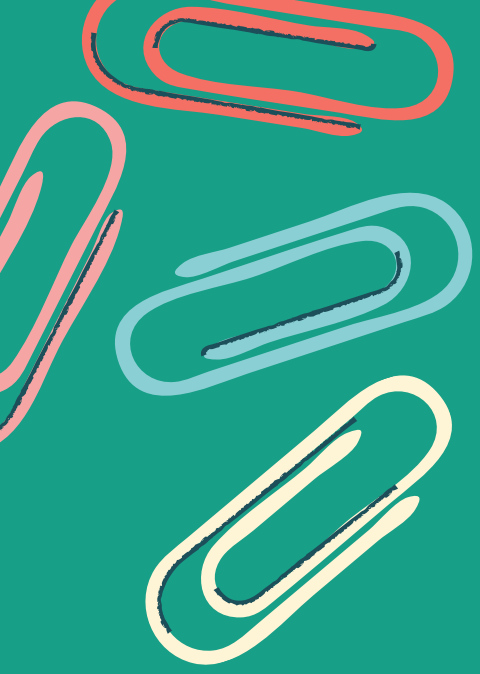
**LEGISLATORS**  
Create & Pass State Law



**ADMINISTRATORS**  
Implement State Law



**ARBITRATORS**  
Enforce State Law





**SOUTH AFRICAN  
GOVERNMENT:**

**IT IS MADE UP OF A GROUP OF  
REPRESENTATIVES THAT WE ELECT AND VOTE  
INTO POSITIONS OF POWER TO REPERESNT  
US THROUGH PERIODICALLY HELD ELECTIONS.**



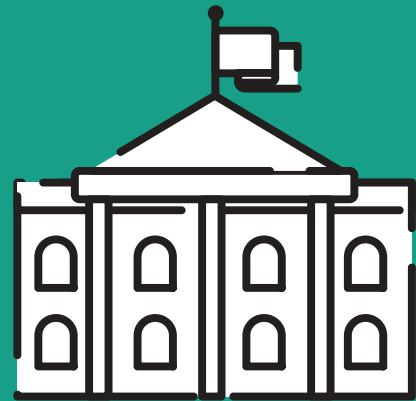
**IT IS REFERRED TO AS A  
REPRESENTATIVE  
GOVERNMENT.**





**A DEMOCRATIC  
GOVERNMENT IS  
CHARACTERIZED BY  
THE SEPARATION AND  
BALANCE OF POWERS:**

**THREE BRACHES:**



**EXECUTIVE**

Government - president, deputy president and cabinet of ministers. Administers and implements the laws of the legislative.



**JUDICIARY**

System of Courts - interprets the law, decides disputes and applies the constitution.



**LEGISLATURE**


Parliament- laws are debated and passed





**A DEMOCRATIC  
GOVERNMENT IS  
CHARACTERIZED BY  
THE SEPARATION AND  
BALANCE OF POWERS:**

**THE BALANCE OF POWER ENSURES THAT NO  
ONE BRANCH/DIVISION OF GOVERNMENT  
HOLDS ALL THE POWER AND THUS THE  
SEPARATION & BALANCE OF POWERS  
PROVIDES A STABLE SYSTEM.**

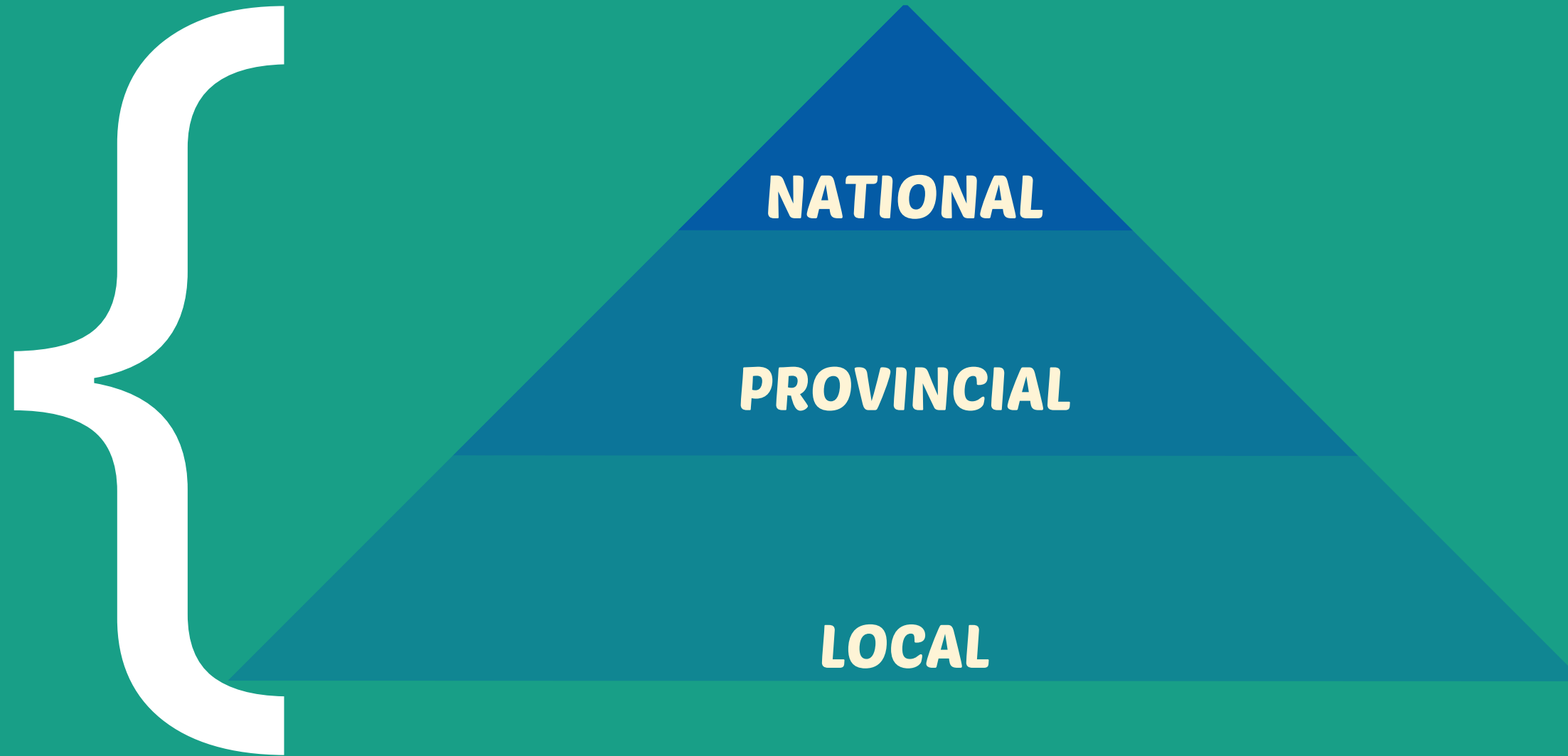


**THE MAIN PURPOSE OF  
THIS IS TO PREVENT  
THE ABUSE OF POWER.**



**IN SOUTH AFRICA:  
WE HAVE THREE  
LEVELS OF  
GOVERNMENT**

**Co-operative  
Government**



These spheres of government operate separately yet they are interrelated and interdependent.






**TRADITIONAL  
LEADERSHIP: ANOTHER  
INSTITUTION OF  
GOVERNANCE THAT  
PLAYS A ROLE IN  
SOUTH AFRICA**

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTITUTION  
OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES THE INSTITUTION,  
STATUS AND ROLE OF TRADITIONAL  
LEADERSHIP AND DEALS WITH TRADITIONAL  
LEADERS WITHIN THE COUNTRIES GOVERNING  
FRAMEWORK.**





**STRUCTURE,  
FUNCTIONS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
TRADITIONAL  
LEADERS:**

**TRADITIONAL LEADERS MAY CARRY OUT AN  
ADVISORY ROLL TO GOVERNMENT ON  
MATTERS RELATING TO TRADITIONAL  
LEADERSHIP, UNDER THE CONDITION OF  
OPERATING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE  
CONSTITUTION & COMMON LAW.**





## ACTIVITY:

### READING ACTIVITY:

<https://www.sahistory.org.za/article/chieftaincy-and-kingship-south-africa>

