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1. Name the three units of government in virgninia
2. From whom do local governments get their power
3. List the 7 powers of local gov
4. Which local officials are required by the VA constitution to be elected
5. How many INDEPENDENT cities are there in VA?
6. From where did the idea of “COUNTY” come?
7. County governments fill a variety of roles….Please describe them.
8. VA has how many counties?
9. Describe the role of the MANAGER of a town, city or county?
10. Describe the role of school boards
11. What is a MUNICIPALITY?
12. Describe and explain a MAYOR-COUNCIL government.
13. Discuss the differences between Weak Mayor and Strong Mayor systems.
14. Does Warrenton have a strong or weak mayor system?
15. What is meant by a Council manager plan?
16. What differences are there between a residence of a town VS a resident of a city.
17. Describe and explain the differences in government between towns and cities.
18. What three primary public issues are local governments responsible for providing?
19. Describe the role the federal government plays in helping local governments fulfill the above obligations.
20. What is meant by UTILITIES?
21. Why are utilities best provided for at the local level?
22. What is Zoning?
23. Why is zoning important?
24. Explain how zoning might directly impact you.
25. What is a commission?
26. What do commissions do?
27. How do citizens pay for services?
28. Describe 3 types of taxes and their purpose as assessed by local governments.
29. What percentage of revenue was spent on education from 1990 -2000?
30. Why do you think that number is so high? Explain
31. If a local government needs money to cover other costs, where do they go to get that money?
32. What kinds of things might they use those sort term loans for?