

Answer Key

Activity 1-1: Quiz on Florida Cities

- 1. Name the cities in Florida with a population of over one million people.**
There are no cities in Florida with over a million people.
- 2. What is the largest city in Florida?**
Jacksonville is the largest city in population and in area. Most of what we think of as “city” is actually a Metropolitan Statistical Area. Explain the term and the difference between a MSA and a city. Locate various MSA’s in Florida.
Identify the ten largest cities and their population.
- 3. What is the smallest city in Florida?**
The smallest city in Florida, according to the 2007 statewide count, is Weeki Wachee, population 8. Identify the 10 smallest cities and their population. Explain that most of Florida’s 411 cities, towns and villages are smaller than you would think. The median population for cities in Florida is only 5,700 people.
- 4. Identify the oldest city in Florida.**
St. Augustine is the oldest city in Florida and the United States. It was settled in 1565, but it was not chartered until 1822.
- 5. Identify the newest city in Florida.**
The youngest cities in Florida are Cutler Bay, incorporated in 2005; West Park, incorporated in 2005; Grant-Valkaria, incorporated in 2006 and Loxahatchee Groves, incorporated in 2006. Take a moment to discuss how many cities have been chartered in recent years. Remind students that the process of obtaining a charter will be discussed in the next lesson.
- 6. What is a municipality?**
A municipality is an incorporated village, town or city.
- 7. What is Home Rule?**
Home rule is a constitutional provision that allows municipal governments to exercise any power for municipal purposes except when it is expressly prohibited by state law. That is, as long as it is not specifically prohibited by state or federal law, municipal officials may pass any ordinance on behalf of the city.
- 8. What is the difference between a city council and a city commission?**
There is no difference between a city council and a city commission. In Florida, municipalities use the terms “council” and “commission” without reference to the distinction between the commission form and other forms of municipal government.
- 9. Can you name any of the members of your city council?**
- 10. Name two or three staff positions within a city.**
Key staff includes the following: the city clerk, the city manager (if that is the form of government), the finance director, the public works director, the parks and recreation director and the traffic engineer.

Activity 2-1, Part 2: Exploring the City Charter – Where Can You Find It?

- | | | | |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. 1 | 6. 3 | 11. 4 | 16. 1 |
| 2. 5 | 7. 2 | 12. 1 | 17. 5 |
| 3. 2 | 8. 1 | 13. 3 | 18. 2 |
| 4. 6 | 9. 5 | 14. 2 | |
| 5. 4 | 10. 3 | 15. 6 | |

Answer Key

Activity 3-1: City Revenue of Sunshine Beach

1. Occupational license tax.
2. A city may own and operate water and sewer systems, solid waste systems, and electric and gas supply systems.
3. The second largest source of revenue for Sunshine Beach is property taxes (14 percent).
4. You are paying a user fee when you put money into a parking meter.
5. The next three largest sources of income bring in 33 percent of the total.
6. The next three largest sources of income bring in just over one-third of the city's income.
7. A local option sales tax must have the voters' approval before it can be levied.
8. All of the sources of revenue could be paid by a person living outside city limits except for intergovernmental revenues, which is a transfer of money between governments.
9. The city is a level of government under the state and federal governments. Higher levels of government have more resources and can provide financial assistance. Roads are a good example of intergovernmental cooperation with the results benefitting everyone.

Activity 4-1: A Night Out

Local government services are listed in the order they appear in the story. Asterisks (*) mark the services that could be offered jointly by a city and county government.

city recreation parking lot
city streets
*public works crews
*broken water line
*police officer
*fire engines
*waterworks
*the jail
large public works garage
*airport

sheriff's car
*drink of water and use of the restrooms
city bus
emergency medical technicians
*Greendale General Hospital
*police officers
drainage ditches
county road
*dumpsters with trash
*streetlights