How We Choose Our Leaders

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3. The Framers of the U.S. Constitution created a two-step process for electing the leaders of which branch of government? ____________________
4. Which two officials head that branch of government? __________ and __________
5. When voters cast ballots in November for those leaders, they will actually be electing a group of representatives called ____________________.
6. What do these representatives do? ____________________
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