MY LOGO (Missouri Youth Engaged in Local Government)
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCAVENGER HUNT#2
Compare/Contrast Missouri Cities & Counties

Directions: Using the Internet, have students do the following:

- **Go to the Missouri Association of Counties web site—www.mocounties.com**
- Click on County Information (left side menu)
- Under MAC County Information, click on **Interactive Map and Additional Missouri County Information** (National Association of Counties)---Click on the small Missouri Map
- Using this map & information, answer the following questions (For some questions you might also need to use other sources to answer the questions.)

1) **Find the County you live in and click on it. Answer the following.**

a) Where is your County Seat?_____

b) What year was your county organized? _____

c) Is this before or after Missouri became a state? _____

d) How many square miles is your county?_____

e) Look at the chart for County Populations. Has your county's population gone up or down since 1980? _____ In the space below, give some reasons that might have affected this increase or decline in your county's population.

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f) Does your county have a Sheriff? _____ If yes, write his/her name in the blank_____

g) Look over the list of Elected Officials. Do you personally know any of these people? _____ How?_____

h) Of the Elected Officials in your county, what does the Assessor do?

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i) What does the Prosecuting Attorney do?

2) Go back and find another county that you would like to learn about. **Click** on that county.

   a) What county did you select? _____

   b) Where is County Seat for this county?_____

   c) What year was this county organized? _____

   d) Is this before or after Missouri became a state? _____

   e) How many square miles is this county?_____

   f) Look at the chart for County Populations. Has this county's population gone up or down since 1980? _____ In the space below, give some reasons that might have affected this increase or decline in this county's population.

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   g) Does this county have a Sheriff? _____ If yes, write his/her name in the blank_____

3) Find a county that is in the **middle of the state**. What county did you select?

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   - How is this county similar or different to <u>your</u> county and the county selected in #2?

4) Find a county that is in the **Eastern part of the state**. What county did you select?

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   - How does this county compare/contrast to the county you live in?

5) Find a county that is in the **Western part of the state**. What county did you select?

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   - How does this county compare/contrast to the county you live in?

6) Click on a County that you have never heard of. What county did you select?

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   - Google this county and then write a paragraph summary for a travel magazine explaining what this County is like and why someone should come visit it. (Use the back to complete this question.)