



You the Citizen

This world helps kids to understand the meaning of citizenship. Kids learn that being a good citizen is about helping others and their communities. This curriculum also teaches about the US government and the values and principles of democracy.

Grades K-1

Grade 5

Grade 2

Grade 6

Grade 3

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Grades K-1					
Curriculum Themes:	The US Government		Leadership & Government Figures		The Meaning of Citizenship
Theme Topics:	the purpose and significance of the US Constitution; American holidays; the flag, national anthem, and other US symbols		the characteristics of a good leader; the right of US citizens to choose their leader; roles in the US government; important leaders in US history		the different meanings of "citizen" ("citizen" as a member of a community vs. as a government distinction); ways that people can impact their community; introduction to different jobs
Key Terms:	government, Constitution, freedom, state, landmark, pledge, symbol		elect, vote, president, law, mayor, judge, jury, common good		citizen, right, responsibility, community, volunteer, patriotic
Additional Learning: Vocabulary Skill & Drill	• Comprehensive multiple-choice quiz with vocabulary drawn from the Citizen curriculum				
Additional Learning: Math Skill & Drill	• Counting Numbers: skip counting with whole numbers		• Counting Money: identifying and counting coins	• Solving Equations: arithmetic (addition, subtraction)	• Shapes: 2D and 3D Shapes

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Grade 2				
Curriculum Themes:	The US Government		Leadership & Government Figures	The Meaning of Citizenship
Theme Topics:	the purpose and significance of the US Constitution; American holidays; the flag, national anthem, and other US symbols		the characteristics of a good leader; the right of US citizens to choose their leader; roles in the US government; important government and civic leaders in US history	the different meanings of "citizen" ("citizen" as a member of a community vs. as a government distinction); ways that people can impact their community; introduction to different jobs
Key Terms:	government, Constitution, freedom, state, landmark, pledge, symbol		elect, vote, president, law, mayor, judge, jury, common good	citizen, right, responsibility, community, volunteer, patriotic
Additional Learning: Vocabulary Skill & Drill	Comprehensive multiple-choice quiz with vocabulary drawn from the Citizen curriculum			
Additional Learning: Math Skill & Drill	Counting Numbers: skip counting with whole numbers	Counting Money: identifying and counting coins	Solving Equations: arithmetic (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)	Shapes: 2D and 3D shapes, shapes of everyday objects, symmetrical vs. asymmetrical

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<u>Grade 3</u>				
Curriculum Themes:	Principles & History of US Government		Leadership & Roles of Government	Citizenship & Social Studies
Theme Topics:	the branches of US government; how laws change over time; principles & history of democracy; the purpose and significance of the US Constitution; US history, landmarks, holidays, anthems & symbols		important government & civic leaders and key historical figures; different levels of government and the people who work in them; government organizations	the different meanings of "citizen"; how to contribute as a citizen in your community; the responsibilities of a citizen; ways that average citizens can impact society as a whole
Key Terms:	executive, legislative, judicial, Congress, rights, vote, election, jury, justice, Constitution, Bill of Rights, amendment, Declaration of Independence		leadership, politician, journalist, president, judge, governor, mayor, federal, state, county, local, city council, representative	community, environment, civic, volunteer, neighbor, responsibility, value, naturalization, society, common good
Additional Learning: Vocabulary Skill & Drill	Comprehensive multiple-choice quiz with vocabulary drawn from the Citizen curriculum			
Additional Learning: Math Skill & Drill	Counting Numbers: skip counting with whole numbers	Counting Money: identifying and counting coins and bills	Solving Equations: arithmetic (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)	Shapes: 2D and 3D shapes, shapes of everyday objects, symmetry, identifying triangles, identifying lines

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Grade 4				
Curriculum Themes:	Principles & History of US Government		Leadership & Roles of Government	Citizenship & Social Studies
Theme Topics:	the branches of US government; the purpose and significance of the US Constitution; principles & history of democracy; how laws change over time; US history, landmarks, holidays, anthems & symbols		important government & civic leaders and key historical figures; different levels of government and the people who work in them; services provided by the government; government organizations & their role in international relations	the different meanings of "citizen"; the process of becoming a US citizen; how to contribute as a citizen in your community; the responsibilities of a citizen; ways that average citizens can impact society as a whole
Key Terms:	executive, legislative, judicial, Congress, Supreme Court, Senate, House of Representatives, Constitution, Bill of Rights, amendment, Declaration of Independence, democracy, republic		leadership, politician, journalist, president, judge, governor, mayor, federal, state, county, local, city council, representative	immigrant, naturalization, patriotism, community, environment, majority, minority, cooperation, responsibility, value, society
Additional Learning: Vocabulary Skill & Drill	Comprehensive multiple-choice quiz with vocabulary drawn from the Citizen curriculum			
Additional Learning: Math Skill & Drill	Counting Numbers: skip counting with whole numbers and decimals	Counting Money: identifying and counting coins and bills	Solving Equations: arithmetic and algebra (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)	Shapes: 2D and 3D shapes; triangles and quadrilaterals; identifying lines; symmetry

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Grade 5				
Curriculum Themes:	The Constitution & US History		Branches of US Government	Democracy & Other Forms of Government
Theme Topics:	the history of the Constitution and its components; the Bill of Rights and other significant amendments; freedoms protected by the Constitution; other key figures, historical documents, symbols, landmarks & anthems		the roles of each of the three branches of government; how the branches provide checks and balances; key figures and government institutions within each branch; the types and functions of the US court system	the principles of democracy; the founding of the United States as a democracy; types of economies; introduction to international relations; other forms of government in history and around the world
Key Terms:	Founding Father, amendment, clause, ratify, repeal, unconstitutional, election, Electoral College		executive, legislative, judicial, president, Congress, Supreme Court, justice, judicial review, ruling, criminal, civil, appeal, juror, evidence	democracy, theocracy, monarchy, dictatorship, republic, capitalist, socialist, diplomacy, negotiation
Additional Learning: Vocabulary Skill & Drill	Comprehensive multiple-choice quiz with vocabulary drawn from the Citizen curriculum			
Additional Learning: Math Skill & Drill	Counting Numbers: skip counting with whole numbers and decimals	Counting Money: identifying and counting coins and bills	Solving Equations: arithmetic and algebra (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)	Shapes: 2D and 3D shapes; triangles and quadrilaterals; identifying lines; symmetry

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Grade 6				
Curriculum Themes:	The Constitution & US History		Branches of US Government	Democracy & Other Forms of Government
Theme Topics:	the history of the Constitution and its components; the Bill of Rights and other significant amendments; freedoms protected by the Constitution; other key figures, historical documents, symbols, landmarks & anthems		the roles of each of the three branches of government; how the branches provide checks and balances; key figures and government institutions within each branch; the types and functions of the US court system	the principles of democracy; the founding of the United States as a democracy; types of economies; introduction to international relations; other forms of government in history and around the world
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<u>Grade 7</u>				
Curriculum Themes:	The Constitution & Government Branches		US Political & Legal Systems	Global Citizenship
Theme Topics:	the roles of each branch of government; articles of the Constitution and the powers they grant each branch; the Bill of Rights and other amendments; key figures and government institutions within each branch; the founding principles of the US government		elections and political parties; democracy and its role in the legal system; the courts and US justice system; important historical activists and their impact on present laws; the Civil Rights Movement & landmark Supreme Court cases	defining global citizenship and the responsibilities people have to themselves, their countries, and the world as a whole; the origin of the United Nations and its purpose; introduction to the six bodies of the UN and their roles
Key Terms:	executive, legislative, judicial, legislation, Supreme Court, Congress, House of Representatives, Senate, senator, president, cabinet		political, civic, debate, opinion, justice, jury, juror, verdict, judge, defendant, appeal, advocate, lobbyist	global, alliance, cooperation, deliberative, diplomacy, ambassador, embassy, moderator, General Assembly, translate
Additional Learning: Vocabulary Skill & Drill	Comprehensive multiple-choice quiz with vocabulary drawn from the Citizen curriculum			
Additional Learning: Math Skill & Drill	Counting Numbers: skip counting with whole numbers and decimals	Counting Money: identifying and counting coins and bills	Solving Equations: arithmetic and algebra (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)	Shapes: 2D and 3D shapes; triangles and quadrilaterals; identifying lines; symmetry

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Grade 8				
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Theme Topics:	the roles of each branch of government; articles of the Constitution and the powers they grant each branch; the Bill of Rights and other amendments; key figures and government institutions within each branch; the founding principles of the US government		elections and political parties; democracy and its role in the legal system; the courts and US justice system; important historical activists and their impact on present laws; the Civil Rights Movement & landmark Supreme Court cases	defining global citizenship and the responsibilities people have to themselves, their countries, and the world as a whole; the origin of the United Nations and its purpose; introduction to the six bodies of the UN and their roles
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