

Civics and Government: Grade 3

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Principles and Documents of Government

Rule of Law

- A. Explain the purposes of rules, laws, and consequences. 5.1.3.A
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Laws and Government

- B. Explain rules and laws for the classroom, school, and community. 5.1.3.B
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Principles and Ideals that Shape Government

- C. Define the principles and ideals shaping local government.
 - Liberty/Freedom
 - Democracy
 - Justice
 - Equality5.1.3.C
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Documents and Ideals that Shape Pennsylvania and US Government

- D. Identify key ideas about government found in significant documents:
 - Declaration of Independence
 - United States Constitution
 - Bill of Rights
 - Pennsylvania Constitution5.1.3.D
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Symbols

- F. Identify state symbols, national symbols, and national holidays. 5.1.3.F
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Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

Civics Rights and Responsibilities

- A. Identify personal rights and responsibilities. 5.2.3.A
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Conflict and Resolution

- B. Identify the sources of conflict and disagreement and different ways conflict can be resolved. 5.2.3.B
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Leadership and Public Service

- C. Identify leadership and public service opportunities in the school, community, state, and nation. 5.2.3.C
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Competent and Responsible Citizens

- D. Describe how citizens participate in school and community activities. 5.2.3.D
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How Government Works

Branches of Government

A. Identify the roles of the three branches of government. [5.3.3.A](#)

Structure, Organization, and Operation of Governments

B. Identify how laws are made in the local community. [5.3.3.B](#)

Government Services

C. Identify services performed by the local governments. [5.3.3.C](#)

Leadership and Political Elections

D. Identify positions of authority at school and community. [5.3.3.D](#)

Elements of the Election Process

E. Explain the purpose for elections. [5.3.3.E](#)

Conflict and the Court System

F. Explain how an action may be just or unjust. [5.3.3.F](#)

Interest Groups

G. Identify individual interests and explain ways to influence others. [5.3.3.G](#)