

# Civics and Government: Grade 5

Adopted 2009

## Principles and Documents of Government

### Rule of Law

- A. Understand the rule of law in protecting property rights, individual rights and the common good. [5.1.5.A](#)

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### Laws and Government

- B. Describe the basic purposes of government in the classroom, school, community, state, and nation. [5.1.5.B](#)

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### Principles and Ideals that Shape Government

- C. Describe the principles and ideals shaping local state, and national government.
  - Liberty/Freedom
  - Democracy
  - Justice
  - Equality[5.1.5.C](#)

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### Documents and Ideals that Shape Pennsylvania and US Government

- D. Interpret key ideas about government found in significant documents:
  - Declaration of Independence
  - United States Constitution
  - Bill of Rights
  - Pennsylvania Constitution[5.1.5.D](#)

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### Individual Rights

- E. Identify the individual rights guaranteed by the PA Constitution and the U.S. Constitution. [5.1.5.E](#)

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### Symbols

- F. Explain the significance of state symbols, national symbols, and national holidays. [5.1.5.F](#)

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## Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

### Civics Rights and Responsibilities

- A. Identify individual rights and needs and the rights and needs of others in the classroom, school, community, state, and nation. [5.2.5.A](#)

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### Conflict and Resolution

- B. Identify behaviors that promote cooperation among individuals. [5.2.5.B](#)

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**Leadership and Public Service**

- C. Explain why individuals become involved in leadership and public service. 5.2.5.C
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**Competent and Responsible Citizens**

- D. Identify specific ways individuals participate in school and community activities. 5.2.5.D
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**How Government Works****Branches of Government**

- A. Describe the responsibilities and powers of the three branches of government. 5.3.5.A
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**Structure, Organization, and Operation of Governments**

- B. Describe how the elected representative bodies function in making local, state, and national laws. 5.3.5.B
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**Government Services**

- C. Describe the role of local and state government officials. 5.3.5.C
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**Leadership and Political Elections**

- D. Describe the primary duties of elected local, state, and national positions. 5.3.5.D
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**Elements of the Election Process**

- E. Identify the requirements to vote in local, state, and national elections. 5.3.5.E
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**Conflict and the Court System**

- F. Examine different ways conflicts can be resolved. 5.3.5.F
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**Interest Groups**

- G. Describe how groups try to influence others. 5.3.5.G
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**Media Influences**

- H. Identify various sources of mass media. 5.3.5.H
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**How International Relationships Function****Tools of Foreign Policy**

- B. Describe the difference between nation and country. 5.4.5.B