

5th Grade: United States History Unit 2 Citizenship

Big Ideas:

1. Understand how the United States organizes its three branches of government.
2. Understand the ideals of the United States as expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution
3. Participate in various community service projects
4. Recite and understand the Pledge of Allegiance

Essential Student Questions:

1. How do we preserve our fundamental rights?
2. What is the importance of government structure?
3. How can we become productive and responsible citizens?

Literacy Standards	Content Standards
LA.RI.5.1 Locate explicit information in the text to explain what the text says explicitly and to support inferences drawn from the text.	GC.A.1 Understand the necessity and purpose of government.
LA.RI.5.2 Determine the main idea and subtopics of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; paraphrase or summarize key ideas, events, or procedures including correct sequence when appropriate.	GC.A.2 Understand the meaning of fundamental ideas, including equality, authority, power, freedom, justice, privacy, property, responsibility, and sovereignty.
LA.RI.5.9 Integrate information from several texts on the same topic or related topics in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.	GC.A.3 Understand how nations organize their governments.
LA.W.5.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with fact- or text-based reasons and information: a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose. b. Provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details. c. Link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., consequently, specifically, most of all). d. Provide a concluding statement or section that reinforces or restates the opinion presented.	GC.B.3 Understand the United States Constitution, including separation of powers, the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government, majority rule, and minority rights.
	GC.C.1 Understand the various forms of the state's local governments and the agencies and commissions that influence students' lives and property.
	GC.E.6 Recognize the value of community service.

Vocabulary:

History – Culture, Diversity, Migration, Change, Historical, Indigenous, Native, Exploration, Perspective, Era, Revolution, War, Colonization, Nation/country

Government – Alliance, Branches of government, Compromise, Law, Constitution, Liberty, Justice, Rights, Freedoms, Checks and balances, Democracy, Colony, Colonization