



Third Grade: Civics at Home



Developing enlightened and responsible citizens is a team effort between the home and school. To support student civic learning at home, the following suggestions are designed for students and their families to explore the civic world together.

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GOVERNMENT

- Point out examples of local, state, and national levels of government responsibilities.
- Identify the buildings of the local and state executive, judicial, and legislative branches.
- Draw a diagram of how the state and national government is organized.
- List a variety of government services.
- Discuss why you think the words "We the People" appear in the national and state constitution and what you think they mean.



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RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

- Practice identifying and embodying various civic virtues (e.g., courage, fairness, compassion, self-discipline, tolerance, wisdom, contributions, humility, integrity, justice, respect, responsibility, etc.)
- Participate in acts of cooperation and civility (e.g., book drives, food drives, community clean-ups, blood drives, being a good neighbor)
- Write thank you letters to community helpers.
- Take your student to vote with you during election years and discuss the importance of this civic duty.



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PATRIOTISM & SYMBOLS

- Take virtual field trips to historical locations throughout the U.S.
- Look for locations that feature the Great Seal of Florida.
- Examine the Declaration of Rights in the Florida Constitution.
- View Howard Chandler Christy's painting *Signing of the Constitution*.

Check out or download books that relate to:

1. Mount Rushmore
2. Uncle Sam
3. The Washington Monument
4. James Madison
5. Alexander Hamilton
6. Booker T. Washington
7. Susan B. Anthony
8. The Constitutional Convention
9. William Pope Duval
10. William Dunn Moseley
11. Josiah T. Walls



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HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCES

Find small ways to celebrate, honor, and observe the following:

- American Founders Month (SEP)
- Labor Day (SEP)
- Patriot Day (9/11)
- Constitution Day (9/17)
- Celebrate Freedom Week (SEP)
- Hispanic Heritage Month (SEP/OCT)
- Ocoee Remembrance Day (NOV 2)
- Election Day (NOV)
- Victims of Communism Day (11/7)
- Holocaust Education Week (NOV)
- Veterans Day (11/11)
- Thanksgiving Day (NOV)
- Bill of Rights Day (12/15)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (JAN)
- Black History Month (FEB)
- Women's History Month (MAR)
- Medal of Honor Day (3/25)
- Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (MAR)
- Pascua Florida Day (4/2)
- Financial Literacy Month (APR)
- Florida Emancipation Day (5/20)
- Armed Forces Week (MAY)
- Memorial Day (MAY)
- Independence Day (7/4)

