



# Fifth 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

- Identify careers within the three branches of government at a local, state, and national level.
- Identify your U.S. senators and U.S. Representatives serving in Washington, D.C..
- Learn about the U.S. Supreme Court and identify the current justices.
- Look up the Florida State Supreme Court and identify the current justices.
- Map out and identify parts of the U.S. and Florida Constitutions (preamble, amendments, protection of rights, articles) and talk about the similarities.
- Watch movies or documentaries pertaining to the Founding of the United States.



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## RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

- Take your student to vote with you during election years and discuss the importance of this civic duty.
- Organize a drive to collect supplies or donations for a cause close to your family.
- Stay up to date on current events.
- Learn about ways citizens showed political participation during the colonial period.
- Talk to family members who have served on juries and learn more about this civic duty.



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## PATRIOTISM & U.S. HISTORY

- Take virtual field trips available around the state and the nation's capitol.

Check out or download books that relate to:

1. 1787 Constitutional Convention
2. The Patriots, Loyalists, and other colonists during the American Revolution
3. Colonial America and the fight for Independence
4. The Star-Spangled Banner
5. The Great Seal of the United States
6. The Federalists and Anti-Federalists
7. The Founding Fathers
8. The Supreme Court



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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)

