



Fourth 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

- Explore different careers available within the three branches of government at a local, state, and national level.
- Look up your local state senator and state representatives.
- Review the three branches of government as they pertain to Florida's state government.
- Read more about Florida's Constitution.



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RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

- Attend or watch a public meeting or government meeting.
- Write a letter to one of your representatives about a topic important to your family.
- Identify a public issue and who is responsible for addressing it (e.g., roads, zoning, etc.)
- Volunteer your time with a local organization.
- Take your student to vote with you during election years and discuss the importance of this civic duty.
- Show a random act of kindness for someone who works in a public service position (e.g., law enforcement, healthcare, education, military, etc.)



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FLORIDA CONNECTIONS

- Utilize virtual field trips available around the state.
- Learn more about the elected officials in your district.
- Involve yourself in the laws and changes happening at the state level by tracking a bill in current legislation.
- Watch/read local and state news.

Check out or download books that relate to:

1. Florida's Constitution
2. The state legislative, executive, and judicial branches.



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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)

