Pennsylvania Social Studies

Civics and Government: Grade 3

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Principles and Documents of Government

Rule of Law

A. Explain the purposes of rules, laws, and consequences. 5.1.3.A

Laws and Government

B. Explain rules and laws for the classroom, school, and community. 5.1.3.B

Principles and Ideals that Shape Government

C. Define the principles and ideals shaping local government.
Liberty/Freedom
Democracy
Justice
Equality 5.1.3.C

Documents and Ideals that Shape Pennsylvania and US Government

D. Identify key ideas about government found in significant documents:
Declaration of Independence
United States Constitution
Bill of Rights
Pennsylvania Constitution 5.1.3.D

Individual Rights

E. Identify the rights of an American citizen. 5.1.3.E

Symbols

F. Identify state symbols, national symbols, and national holidays. 5.1.3.F

Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

Civics Rights and Responsibilities

A. Identify personal rights and responsibilities. 5.2.3.A

Conflict and Resolution

B. Identify the sources of conflict and disagreement and different ways conflict can be resolved. 5.2.3.B

Leadership and Public Service

C. Identify leadership and public service opportunities in the school, community, state, and nation. 5.2.3.C

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Competent and Responsible Citizens

D. Describe how citizens participate in school and community activities. 5.2.3.D

How Government Works

Branches of Government

A. Identify the roles of the three branches of government. 5.3.3.A

Structure, Organization, and Operation of Governments

B. Identify how laws are made in the local community. 5.3.3.B

Government Services

C. Identify services performed by the local government. 5.3.3.C

Leadership and Political Elections

D. Identify positions of authority at school and community. 5.3.3.D

Elements of the Election Process

E. Explain the purpose for elections. 5.3.3.E

Conflict and the Court System

F. Explain how an action may be just or unjust. 5.3.3.F

Interest Groups

G. Identify individual interests and explain ways to influence others. 5.3.3.G

Media Influences

H. Explain how the media can impact government. 5.3.3.H

Taxes

I. Explain the role of taxes in operating government. 5.3.3.I

Systems of Government

J. Identify key ideals of the form of government practiced in the United States. 5.3.3.J

How International Relationships Function

Countries and Conflicts

A. Identify conflicts in the world using a map/globe. 5.4.3.A

Tools of Foreign Policy

B. Describe the roles of world leaders. 5.4.3.B

International Organizations

C. Identify the role of the United Nations in the world. 5.4.3.C

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edia and Its Influence

. Describe the different roles of the media. 5.4.3.D

How Foreign Policy is Influenced

E. Explain compromise as a conflict resolution strategy. 5.4.3.E