Pennsylvania Social Studies

Civics and Government: Grade 5

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Principles and Documents of Government

Rule of Law

A. Understand the rule of law in protecting property rights, individual rights and the common good. 5.1.5.A

Laws and Government

B. Describe the basic purposes of government in the classroom, school, community, state, and nation. 5.1.5.B

Principles and Ideals that Shape Government

C. Describe the principles and ideals shaping local state, and national government.
Liberty/Freedom
Democracy
Justice
Equality 5.1.5.C

Documents and Ideals that Shape Pennsylvania and US Government

D. Interpret key ideas about government found in significant documents:
Declaration of Independence
United States Constitution
Bill of Rights
Pennsylvania Constitution 5.1.5.D

Individual Rights

E. Identify the individual rights guaranteed by the PA Constitution and the U.S. Constitution. 5.1.5.E

Symbols

F. Explain the significance of state symbols, national symbols, and national holidays. 5.1.5.F

Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

Civics Rights and Responsibilities

A. Identify individual rights and needs and the rights and needs of others in the classroom, school, community, state, and nation. 5.2.5.A

Conflict and Resolution

Identify behaviors that promote cooperation among individuals. 5.2.5.B

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Leadership and Public Service

C. Explain why individuals become involved in leadership and public service. 5.2.5.C

Competent and Responsible Citizens

D. Identify specific ways individuals participate in school and community activities. 5.2.5.D

How Government Works

Branches of Government

A. Describe the responsibilities and powers of the three branches of government. 5.3.5.A

Structure, Organization, and Operation of Governments

B. Describe how the elected representative bodies function in making local, state, and national laws. 5.3.5.B

Government Services

C. Describe the role of local and state government officials. 5.3.5.C

Leadership and Political Elections

D. Describe the primary duties of elected local, state, and national positions. 5.3.5.D

Elements of the Election Process

E. Identify the requirements to vote in local, state, and national elections. 5.3.5.E

Conflict and the Court System

F. Examine different ways conflicts can be resolved. 5.3.5.F

Interest Groups

G. Describe how groups try to influence others. 5.3.5.G

Media Influences

H. Identify various sources of mass media. 5.3.5.H

How International Relationships Function

Tools of Foreign Policy

B. Describe the difference between nation and country. 5.4.5.B