

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](#)
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Laws and Government

- B. Describe the basic purposes of government in the classroom, school, community, state, and nation. [5.1.5.B](#)
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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](#)
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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](#)
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Individual Rights

- E. Identify the individual rights guaranteed by the PA Constitution and the U.S. Constitution. [5.1.5.E](#)
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Symbols

- F. Explain the significance of state symbols, national symbols, and national holidays. [5.1.5.F](#)
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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](#)
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Conflict and Resolution

- B. Identify behaviors that promote cooperation among individuals. [5.2.5.B](#)

Leadership and Public Service

- C. Explain why individuals become involved in leadership and public service. 5.2.5.C
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Competent and Responsible Citizens

- D. Identify specific ways individuals participate in school and community activities. 5.2.5.D
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How Government Works**Branches of Government**

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

- C. Describe the role of local and state government officials. 5.3.5.C
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Leadership and Political Elections

- D. Describe the primary duties of elected local, state, and national positions. 5.3.5.D
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Elements of the Election Process

- E. Identify the requirements to vote in local, state, and national elections. 5.3.5.E
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Conflict and the Court System

- F. Examine different ways conflicts can be resolved. 5.3.5.F
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Interest Groups

- G. Describe how groups try to influence others. 5.3.5.G
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Media Influences

- H. Identify various sources of mass media. 5.3.5.H
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How International Relationships Function**Tools of Foreign Policy**

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