Pennsylvania Social Studies

Civics and Government: Grade 6

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Principles and Documents of Government

Rule of Law

A. Explain the effect of the rule of law in protecting property rights, individual rights, and the common good. 5.1.6.A

Laws and Government

B. Compare and contrast a direct democracy with a republican form of government. 5.1.6.B

Principles and Ideals that Shape Government

C. Explain how the principles and ideals shape local, state, and national government. Liberty/Freedom
Democracy
Justice
Equality 5.1.6.C

Documents and Ideals that Shape Pennsylvania and US Government

D. Explain the basic principles and ideals within documents and the roles played by the framers as found in significant documents:
Declaration of Independence
United States Constitution
Bill of Rights
Pennsylvania Constitution 5.1.6.D

Individual Rights

E. Summarize individual rights guaranteed by the PA Constitution and the U.S. Constitution. 5.1.6.E

Symbols

F. Describe how citizens and leaders use political symbols. 5.1.6.F

Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

Civics Rights and Responsibilities

A. Compare and contrast rights and responsibilites of citizenship in the community, state, and nation. 5.2.6.A

Conflict and Resolution

Explain how citizens resolve conflicts in society and government. 5.2.6.B

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Leadership and Public Service

C. Describe the importance of political leadership and public service. 5.2.6.C

Competent and Responsible Citizens

D. Explain why participation in government and civic life is important. 5.2.6.D

How Government Works

Branches of Government

A. Describe the responsibilities and powers of the three branches of government. 5.3.6.A

Structure, Organization, and Operation of Governments

B. Define and compare the role and structure of local, state, and national governments. 5.3.6.B

Government Services

C. Describe how local, state, and national governments provide services. 5.3.6.C

Leadership and Political Elections

D. Identify leadership positions and their primary duties at the local, state, and national levels. 5.3.6.D

Elements of the Election Process

E. Describe the voting process, including registration, primaries, and general elections. 5.3.6.E

Conflict and the Court System

F. Explain how courts resolve conflicts. 5.3.6.F

Interest Groups

G. Identify individual interest groups and how they impact government. 5.3.6.G

Media Influences

H. Describe the influence of mass media on society. 5.3.6.H

Taxes

I. Explain what taxes are and why they are necessary. 5.3.6.I

How International Relationships Function

Countries and Conflicts

A. Identify how countries have varying interests. 5.4.6.A

Tools of Foreign Policy

B. Explain the difference between allies and adversaries. 5.4.6.B