

# Civics and Government: Grade 6

Adopted 2009

## 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](#)
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### Laws and Government

- B. Compare and contrast a direct democracy with a republican form of government. [5.1.6.B](#)
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### 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](#)
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### 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](#)
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### Individual Rights

- E. Summarize individual rights guaranteed by the PA Constitution and the U.S. Constitution. [5.1.6.E](#)
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### Symbols

- F. Describe how citizens and leaders use political symbols. [5.1.6.F](#)
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## Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

### Civics Rights and Responsibilities

- A. Compare and contrast rights and responsibilities of citizenship in the community, state, and nation. [5.2.6.A](#)
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### Conflict and Resolution

- B. 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
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**Competent and Responsible Citizens**

- D. Explain why participation in government and civic life is important. 5.2.6.D
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**How Government Works****Branches of Government**

- A. Describe the responsibilities and powers of the three branches of government. 5.3.6.A
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**Structure, Organization, and Operation of Governments**

- B. Define and compare the role and structure of local, state, and national governments. 5.3.6.B
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**Government Services**

- C. Describe how local, state, and national governments provide services. 5.3.6.C
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**Leadership and Political Elections**

- D. Identify leadership positions and their primary duties at the local, state, and national levels. 5.3.6.D
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**Elements of the Election Process**

- E. Describe the voting process, including registration, primaries, and general elections. 5.3.6.E
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**Conflict and the Court System**

- F. Explain how courts resolve conflicts. 5.3.6.F
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**Interest Groups**

- G. Identify individual interest groups and how they impact government. 5.3.6.G
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**Media Influences**

- H. Describe the influence of mass media on society. 5.3.6.H
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**Taxes**

- I. Explain what taxes are and why they are necessary. 5.3.6.I
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**How International Relationships Function****Countries and Conflicts**

- A. Identify how countries have varying interests. 5.4.6.A
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**Tools of Foreign Policy**

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