Pennsylvania Social Studies

Civics and Government: Grade 7

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Principles and Documents of Government

Rule of Law

A. Cite functional examples of how the rule of law protects property rights, individual rights, and the common good. 5.1.7.A

Laws and Government

B. Identify the different types of government and the processes they use in making laws. 5.1.7.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 5.1.7.C

Documents and Ideals that Shape Pennsylvania and US Government

D. Summarize 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 5.1.7.D

Individual Rights

E. Compare and contrast the individual rights guaranteed by the PA Constitution versus the U.S. Constitution. 5.1.7.E

Symbols

F. Describe how the media uses political symbols to influence public opinion. 5.1.7.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. 5.2.7.A

Conflict and Resolution

Compare the methods citizens use to resolve conflicts in society and government. 5.2.7.B

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	Leadership and Public Service	
	C. Describe the role of political leadership and public service. 5.2.7.C	
	Competent and Responsible Citizens	
	D. Describe the citizen's role in the political process. 5.2.7.D	
How Government Works	**Branches of Government**	
	A. Compare and contrast the responsibilities and powers of the three branches of government. 5.3.7.A	
	Structure, Organization, and Operation of Governments	
	B. Define and compare the role and structure of local, state, and national governments. 5.3.7.B	
	Government Services	
	C. Describe how local, state, and national governments provide services. 5.3.7.C	
	Leadership and Political Elections	
	D. Identify leadership positions and the role of political party affiliation at the local, state, and national levels. 5.3.7.D	
	Elements of the Election Process	
	E. Describe the closed primary voting process in Pennsylvania. 5.3.7.E	
	Conflict and the Court System	
	F. Identify the different levels of the court system. 5.3.7.F	
	Interest Groups	
	G. Explain the role of interest groups in local and Pennsylvania governments. 5.3.7.G	
	Media Influences	
	H. Describe the influence of mass media on society. 5.3.7.H	
	Taxes	
	I. Identify types of local, state, and national taxes. 5.3.7.I	
	Systems of Government	
	J. Identify various types of governments. 5.3.7.J	
How International Relationships Function	**Countries and Conflicts**	
	A. Identify how countries have varying interests. 5.4.7.A	
	ools of Foreign Policy	

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B. Describe how countries coexist in the world community. 5.4.7.B

Media and its Influence

D. Identify mass media sources and how they report world events. 5.4.7.D