

Civics and Government

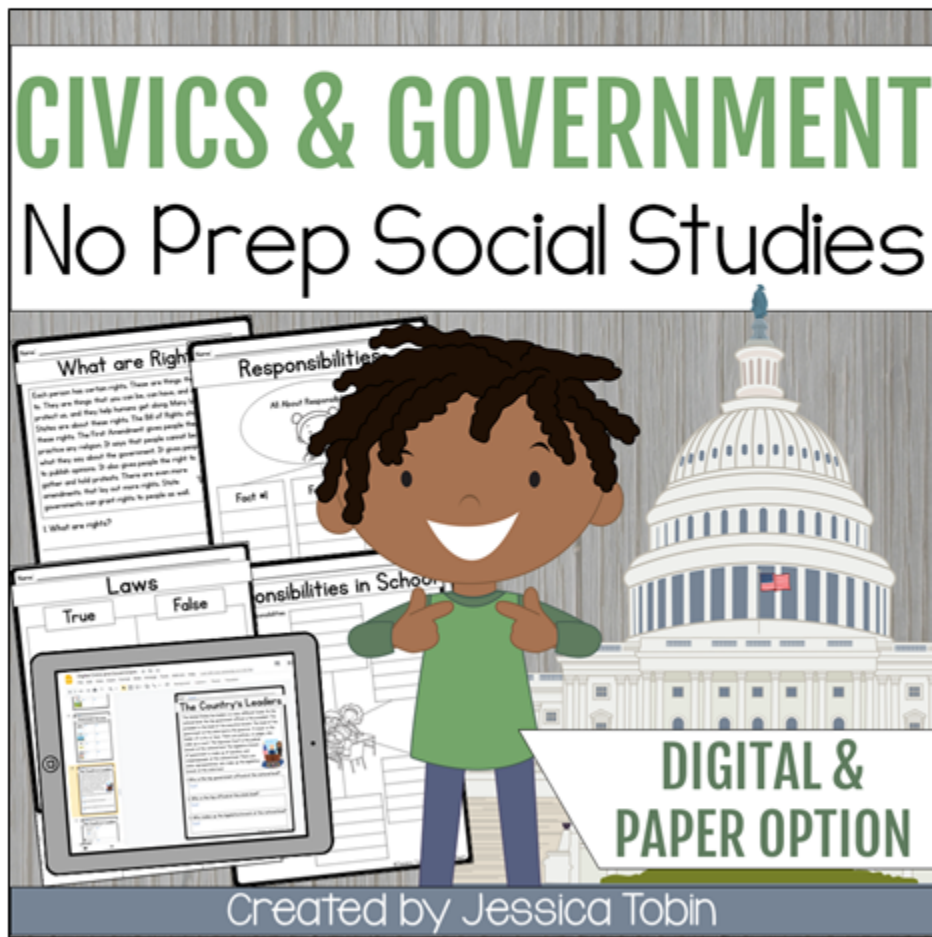
This civics and government set is intended to be used as a supplemental resource to your social studies unit.

Resources included:

- Intro to rights and responsibilities
- Intro to rules and laws
- Intro to government
- Fact-writing pages, true/false pages, and other graphic organizers

Topics covered in this unit include:

Rights
Responsibilities
Rules
Laws
United States Government
Government Services
The Country's Leaders
The President
Branches of Government
Legislative Branch
Executive Branch
Judicial Branch



Intro to Civics and Government

Name: _____

What are Rights?


Each person has certain rights. These are things that you can be, can do, and can protect us, and they help humans get along. The Bill of Rights are about these rights. The Bill of Rights says that people have the right to practice any religion, it says that people have the right to publish opinions. It also gives people the right to gather and hold protests. There are even amendments that lay out more rights. State governments can grant rights to people.

1. What are rights?
2. What do rights do?
3. State 2 freedoms listed in the First Amendment.

Name: _____

Rights

All About Rights




Fact #1	Fact #2	Fact #3

Name: _____

Rights

True

Responsibility is doing the things you should do. It also means accepting what happens based on what you did. All people have responsibilities. Not everyone has the same responsibilities. Kids have responsibilities in school. Adults have them at work. In the United States, there are some responsibilities that people have. Adults are responsible for paying taxes. They are responsible for keeping their home and yard maintained. This keeps the community clean. They are responsible for following the law. If they do not, they can face consequences like fines. They could even go to jail. Adults are responsible for going to work. They could be fired if they do not do this.




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2. Name a place kids have responsibility.
3. Why do adults need to follow the law?

Name: _____

Responsibilities

All About Responsibilities




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Rules & Laws

There are rules and laws that need to be followed for people to live their lives. Rules are guidelines that you need to follow to teach people to behave in a proper manner. They are not enforced by the government. Rules exist at school, and other places. No running along the edge of a swimming pool would be a rule. Laws are rules passed by the government. They make sure we do not take away from others' rights. They are legal and have consequences. All levels of government can pass laws. "Do not steal someone else's property" is an example of a law.




Fact #1	Fact #2

Name: _____

Rules and Laws

All About Rules & Laws




Fact #1	Fact #2

Name: _____

United States Government

The United States is a democracy. This means that the country is ruled by the citizens. The people elect government officials through elections. People cast votes for who they want in office. These people run certain parts of government. The people who get the most votes are elected. Those government leaders then represent the people who voted for them. They help pass laws and oversee the way the country is run. The government is in charge of many things in the United States. It does everything from paving roads to operating libraries. It is important to vote for the right people.




3. Who can pass laws?
3. Name something the government is in charge of.

Name: _____

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True False

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Government officials are appointed by the king.	Government officials pass laws.	People are in charge of paving roads in front of their homes.
The United States is a dictatorship.	The government oversees paving roads.	The price is in charge of the mail system.


Passages and printables

Individual Aspects

Name: _____

Government Services

The United States government is in charge of operating all public libraries and schools. The police and fire stations. They are in charge of providing public and national parks. They run a system that is used. The government is in charge of roads. They also pay for existing roads to be fixed. They pay for and schedule snow removal. They oversee public beaches. People pay taxes. The taxes help pay for these services that are provided.







1. Name 3 things the US government oversees.
2. What happens when it snows?
3. How are these services paid for?

Name: _____

Explain how each government service helps you.





Government Services

	Explain this service.	Why is it important?
Libraries		
Collecting Taxes		
Schools		
Parks		

Name: _____

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Government Services

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Snow Removal		
Roads		
Mail		
Police & Firefighters		

Name: _____

The Country's Leaders

The United States has leaders on many different levels. On the national level, the top government official is the president. The president is the head of the executive branch. The head of the government at the state level is the governor. A mayor is the leader of a city or town. There are justices, or judges, who make up a court. The Supreme Court is the judicial branch at the national level. The legislative branch of government is made up of senators and congresspeople at the national level. There are state representatives who make up the legislative branch at the state level.

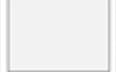
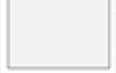
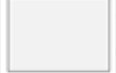


1. Who is the top government official at the national level?
2. Who is the top official at the state level?
3. Who makes up the legislative branch at the national level?

Name: _____

Research each person and write what they do.

The Country's Leaders

The Country's President	
My State's Governor	
My City's Mayor	

Name: _____

The President of the United States


The president of the United States is the highest government leader. They are the leader of the government. The president is elected every 4 years. They are allowed to be president for more than 8 years. Requirements to be president. A person must be born in the United States. Finally, the president must be at least 35 years old. The president has the power to sign laws or veto them. The president has the power to say no to a new law that Congress passes. The president meets with foreign leaders. They make sure that countries work together peacefully.

1. What is the president the leader of?
2. Name a requirement to become president.
3. What is the president's main job?

Name: _____

The President of the United States

Identify six facts about the President.



Name: _____


The President of the United States

True	False

Name: _____

Branches of Government

The United States government was planned and designed by the US Constitution. The Constitution was written in 1787. It laid out how the country would be run. The United States government has 3 branches. They are the judicial, executive, and legislative branches. Each branch has its own responsibilities and jobs. There are three branches of government so that no single branch can become too powerful. Each branch has some power over the others. Each branch's power is also limited. This is called checks and balances.




3. What are checks and balances?

Name: _____

Branches of Government

True	False



11 total aspects
***only 4 sets shown here**

The president is the highest-ranking government official.	The president is elected every four years.	There are three branches of government.	The United States should run on one branch of government.	Long ago, there were 7 branches of government.	The judicial branch is by far the most powerful branch.	The branches all perform the same jobs.	The branches make sure no single branch is too powerful.	Each branch has its own responsibilities and jobs.
The president passes all the bills from Congress.	The president is the leader of the executive branch.	The president is the highest-ranking government official.	The president is elected every four years.	There are 3 branches of government.	The Constitution laid out how the country would be run.	There are 5 branches of government.	The judicial branch is by far the most powerful branch.	Each branch has its own responsibilities and jobs.

Digital Additions

The practice sheets and passages are now available in Google Slides format.

To open the social studies pages, click on the link below after reading these instructions. These links will open Google Slides.

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- A Google Classroom account

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