

Citizenship in the Nation

Syllabus (School Year)



Course Description:

As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens who are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights. They will understand the need to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.

Day 1:

- 1) News of the day
 - Daily News Update handout (Req 3)
 - Cube of News sources
- 2) 3 branches of government and their function
 - Power grab game and create your own government
 - Six functions of the Government (Req 5)
 - Three branches of our federal government (Req 7)
 - i) How can citizens be involved in each branch?
 - ii) Checks and balances
 - What part of the government holds the most power?
- 3) Historical Documents (Req 4)
 - Declaration of Independence
 - Preamble to the Constitution
 - The Constitution
 - Bill of Rights
 - Amendments to the Constitution
- 4) Homework: Due next class (Req 3 and 8)
 - Daily News update Handout
 - Write a letter to your Senator or Congressmen

Day 2:

- 1) News of the day (Req 3)
 - Discuss Daily News Update Handout
- 2) History of the Nation (Req 1)
- 3) Rights and Duties (Req 1)
- 4) National Monument (Req 2.D)
- 5) Historical Speech (Req 6)
- 6) Homework: Due next class
 - National Monument Worksheet (Req 2.D)
 - Historical Speech Worksheet (Req 6)

Day 3:

- 1) Review homework
- 2) News of the Day (Req 3)
 - Discuss Daily News Update Handout and turn in if finished
- 3) Go to go to the Pavilion (Req 2.A)
- 4) Final Test
- 5) Sign off Blue Cards