

# Civics and Government: Grade 3

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## Principles and Documents of Government

### Rule of Law

- A. Explain the purposes of rules, laws, and consequences. 5.1.3.A
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### Laws and Government

- B. Explain rules and laws for the classroom, school, and community. 5.1.3.B
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### Principles and Ideals that Shape Government

- C. Define the principles and ideals shaping local government.
  - Liberty/Freedom
  - Democracy
  - Justice
  - Equality5.1.3.C
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### Documents and Ideals that Shape Pennsylvania and US Government

- D. Identify key ideas about government found in significant documents:
  - Declaration of Independence
  - United States Constitution
  - Bill of Rights
  - Pennsylvania Constitution5.1.3.D
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### Individual Rights

- E. Identify the rights of an American citizen. 5.1.3.E
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### Symbols

- F. Identify state symbols, national symbols, and national holidays. 5.1.3.F
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## Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

### Civics Rights and Responsibilities

- A. Identify personal rights and responsibilities. 5.2.3.A
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### Conflict and Resolution

- B. Identify the sources of conflict and disagreement and different ways conflict can be resolved. 5.2.3.B
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### Leadership and Public Service

- C. Identify leadership and public service opportunities in the school, community, state, and nation. 5.2.3.C

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## Competent and Responsible Citizens

D. Describe how citizens participate in school and community activities. 5.2.3.D

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## How Government Works

### Branches of Government

A. Identify the roles of the three branches of government. 5.3.3.A

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### Structure, Organization, and Operation of Governments

B. Identify how laws are made in the local community. 5.3.3.B

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### Government Services

C. Identify services performed by the local government. 5.3.3.C

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### Leadership and Political Elections

D. Identify positions of authority at school and community. 5.3.3.D

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### Elements of the Election Process

E. Explain the purpose for elections. 5.3.3.E

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### Conflict and the Court System

F. Explain how an action may be just or unjust. 5.3.3.F

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### Interest Groups

G. Identify individual interests and explain ways to influence others. 5.3.3.G

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### Media Influences

H. Explain how the media can impact government. 5.3.3.H

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### Taxes

I. Explain the role of taxes in operating government. 5.3.3.I

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### Systems of Government

J. Identify key ideals of the form of government practiced in the United States. 5.3.3.J

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## How International Relationships Function

### Countries and Conflicts

A. Identify conflicts in the world using a map/globe. 5.4.3.A

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### Tools of Foreign Policy

B. Describe the roles of world leaders. 5.4.3.B

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### International Organizations

C. Identify the role of the United Nations in the world. 5.4.3.C

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**Media and Its Influence**

D. Describe the different roles of the media. 5.4.3.D

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**How Foreign Policy is Influenced**

E. Explain compromise as a conflict resolution strategy. 5.4.3.E