

Citizenship in the Nation

Merit Badge Workbook



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You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information. You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers. If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do. No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found on Scouting.org.

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Scout's Name:	Unit	Date Started

Counselor's Name: Phone No.: Email:

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1.

What is the Constitution of the United States?

/hat does the Constitution do?		

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. List	the six purposes	for creating the	United States	Constitution s	set forth in the	Preamble to	the Constitution.

How do these purposes affect your family and community?

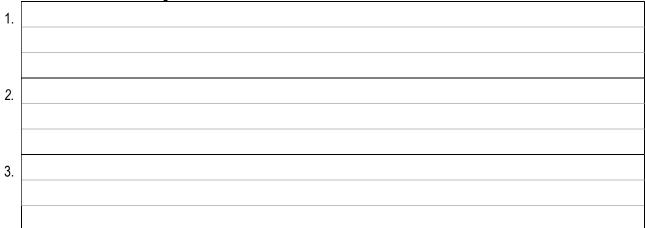


List the three branches of the United States government.

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Explain:

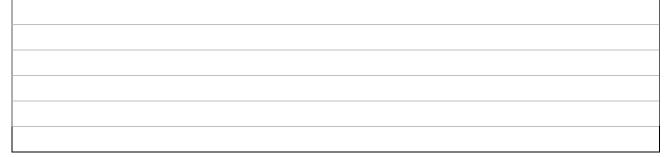
a. The function of each branch of government



b. Why it is important to divide powers among different branches

c. How each branch "checks" and "balances" the others

d. How citizens can be involved in each branch of government.



4. Discuss the importance of:

a. Declaration of Independence

b. The Bill of Rights (the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution) and the 14th Amendment

1st Amendment

3rd Amendment

4th Amendment

5th Amendment

6th Amendment

7th Amendment

8th Amendment

10th Amendment

14th Amendment

c. The traditional United States motto "E Pluribus Unum".

5. Watch the national evening news for five days in a row or read the main stories in a national media organization (e.g., a newspaper or news website) for five days in a row.

Start date::
End Date:

News Source:
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Discuss the national issues that you learned about with your counselor

Choose one issue and explain how it affects you, your family, and community.

6. With your counselor's approval, choose a speech of national historical importance. Explain:

a.	Who the author was	

b.	What the historical context was	
C.	What difficulties the	
	nation faced that the author wished to	
	discuss	
d.	What the author said	
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e.	Why the speech is	
	important to the	
	nation's history.	

Choose a sentence or two from the speech that has significant meaning to you, and tell your counselor why.

Why it has significant meaning to you:

- 7. Do TWO of the following:
 - a. Visit a place that is listed as a National Historic Landmark or that is on the National Register of Historic Places. What did you visit/ _____

Tell your counselor what you learned about the landmark or site and what you found interesting about it.

b. Tour your state capitol building or the U.S. Capitol.

What did you visit?_____

Tell your counselor what you learned about the capitol, its function, and the history.

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□ c.	Tour a federal facility. the local community and how	What did you tour? Explain to your counselor what you saw there and what you learned about its function in
□ d.	Chasse a national manument	that interacts you
u.	Choose a national monument	that interests you.
	Monument chosen: Using books, brochures, the I	nternet (with your parent's permission), and other resources, find out more about the
	monument.	
	Tell your counselor what you	learned and explain why the monument is important to this country's citizens.
Na	me your representatives in the	United States Congress.
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Write a letter to your representative in Congress explaining your views on a national issue

Show your letter, along with any response you might receive, to your counselor.

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