



CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION

Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) After reading, discuss with your counselor the following documents:
 - A) Declaration of Independence
 - B) Preamble to the Constitution
 - C) Constitution
 - D) Bill of Rights
 - E) Amendments to the Constitution
- 2) Name the three branches of government and explain their functions. Explain the checks and balances on each branch of government
- 3) Outline the relationships between state and federal governments.
- 4) Do ONE of the following, then explain your experiences to your counselor
 - A) Visit the national Capitol
 - B) Visit your state Capitol
 - C) Tour a federal installation
- 5) Name your two senators and the member of Congress from your congressional district. Write a letter to one of these elected officials on a national issue, sharing your view with him or her. Show your letter and any response to your counselor.
- 6) What are five important functions of your national government? Explain how these functions affect your family and local community.
- 7) Discuss the main ways by which the federal government is financed.

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Requirement 1

After reading the following documents, write a brief description about what each document is. Discuss each with your counselor.

Declaration of Independence: _____

Preamble to the Constitution: _____

Constitution: _____

Bill Of Rights: _____

Amendments to the Constitution: _____

Requirement 2

Name the three branches of government:

_____, _____, _____

Explain the checks and balances on each branch

Branch: _____

Branch: _____

Branch: _____

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Requirement 3

Outline the relationships between state and federal governments: _____

Requirement 4

- Visit ONE of the following places:
A) Visit the National Capitol
B) Visit the State Capitol
C) Tour a federal installation

Which place did you visit? _____

Describe the experience you had during your visit to the above: _____

Requirement 5

List two senators from your congressional district: _____ and _____.

Name the member of Congress from your congressional district: _____.

Write a letter to one of these elected officials on a national issue, sharing your view with him or her.

I wrote a letter to _____, sharing my view on the national issue of _____.
(Keep a copy of the letter you wrote and show it to your merit badge counselor)

I did get a response from them saying: _____

_____ I did not get a response to my letter.

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Requirement 6

What are five important functions of your national government? Explain how these functions affect your family and local community

FUNCTION: _____

AFFECT ON FAMILY: _____

AFFECT ON COMMUNITY: _____

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FUNCTION: _____

AFFECT ON FAMILY: _____

AFFECT ON COMMUNITY: _____

Requirement 7

What are the main ways that the government is financed? _____

