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The Citizen Activity Badge/Pin allows the scout the chance to learn more about his rights, duties, and privileges as a citizen in the Democracy of the United States of America. In this badge the scout will find out about national and local political leaders, how he can help our government and some of the agencies of our government that help the citizens. The scouts will also find out about the history of our flag, how to hang it, how to hoist and lower the flag, and how to fold and handle the flag properly. The scout can also find out about good citizens in this country and elsewhere, and he can find out what it means to those who come to our country to become citizens of the United States.

Check out these sources for a field trip, a den meeting speaker, or an Activity Badge/Pin Counselor: local city council meeting, local fire department, local police station, Fort Sam Houston Museum, Institute of Texan Cultures, Texas Pioneers, Trail Drivers, and Rangers Museum, and the National Museum of Pacific War.

**PACK DEMONSTRATIONS:**

Have the boys do the Pack Flag opening and Pledge of Allegiance.

Have the boys demonstrate the folding of the flag.

Have the boys display a local map of the polling places used at election time. Also list the dates of any upcoming elections.

**GAMES:**

**Current Events**

**Materials:**

Preparation: Den leader or Assistant Den Leader writes down the names of people from the newspaper and the news from the week prior to playing the game.

Strips of paper with the names of current political people in the news and the title of their office

A bowl for drawing the folded strips or borrow a boy's cap

Object: A boy draws a strip of paper and keeps the name of his person to himself. Then the boy imitates the person, if they can. Otherwise, the other boys start asking him questions about this person that are answered with "yes" or "no." After 2-3 minutes of questions the den leader calls time and the boy may reveal the name of his person. Someone else comes up or the boy who guessed the identity gets the next turn.

**Charades**

**Materials:**

Names of well-known people from Americas history written on pieces of paper.

Bowl to hold folded pieces of paper or borrow a boy's cap.

Object: A boy draws a piece of paper, reads the name and keeps it to himself. Then he acts out his character while the other boys try to

Guess his identity. The next turn passes to the boy who guessed the character correctly. Make sure that all the boys get a chance to act

Out a character. (Building skills for the Showman badge.)

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WORD FIND: HOIST	LOWER	FLAG	STAR SPANGLED BANNER
STRIPES	STARS	HALYARD	FIELD OF BLUE
TRIANGULAR	FLYING	SALUTING	HEART
ON LEFT	COLONIES	WAVING	FRANCIS SCOTT KEY
SNAP HOOKS	ORIGINAL	STATES	FORT MCHENRY
ALLEGIANCE	REPUBLIC	PLEDGE	NATION UNDER GOD
JUSTICE	FREEDOM	ANTHEM	

F	R	E	E	D	O	M	G	A	L	F	C	B	Y	U	Z	A
X	S	Q	W	E	F	B	C	R	D	S	E	P	I	R	T	S
S	K	O	O	H	P	A	N	S	F	E	P	H	J	K	P	T
X	E	W	Q	M	O	B	D	T	X	A	T	S	I	O	H	A
M	T	E	N	P	S	T	X	A	Q	A	Z	R	S	T	A	T
E	C	I	L	B	U	P	E	R	Y	K	L	U	S	F	L	E
H	F	R	A	N	C	I	S	S	C	O	T	T	K	E	Y	S
T	T	E	V	B	V	G	T	P	A	D	F	K	O	E	A	P
N	H	A	L	L	E	G	I	A	N	C	E	G	O	R	R	X
A	F	B	H	J	K	S	W	N	W	C	X	E	H	B	D	J
X	S	A	L	U	T	I	N	G	U	I	O	L	P	M	D	F
R	E	X	D	E	F	G	H	L	K	L	M	N	A	Y	Z	X
A	I	H	P	L	E	D	G	E	F	G	F	H	N	L	Y	S
L	N	E	U	L	B	F	O	D	L	E	I	F	S	O	R	X
U	O	A	X	H	J	K	L	B	A	E	W	V	T	W	N	G
G	L	R	J	Y	U	R	F	A	H	J	K	M	B	E	E	N
N	O	T	J	D	W	A	X	N	T	Y	H	J	B	R	H	I
A	C	T	W	E	F	G	C	N	X	Z	A	B	D	F	C	V
I	K	J	U	S	T	I	C	E	R	T	B	C	F	H	M	A
R	O	Y	U	E	J	M	O	R	I	G	I	N	A	L	T	W
T	N	A	T	I	O	N	U	N	D	E	R	G	O	D	R	X
S	G	S	T	A	R	S	D	E	G	N	I	Y	L	F	O	D
X	Z	E	I	O	M	O	N	L	E	F	T	R	P	X	F	Z

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FILL IN THE BLANKS: HINT: The answers can be found in your Webelos Book under the Citizen Activity pin section.

1. President \_\_\_\_\_ is the President of the United States now. The Vice-President is named \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Governor of Texas is \_\_\_\_\_. The Mayor of San Antonio is Mayor \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Today's flag has \_\_\_ stripes which stand for the original \_\_\_ states. Each star on the field of blue represents \_\_\_\_\_. The last star-the 50th one- was added for the state of \_\_\_\_\_ on July 4, 1960.
4. List some reasons why we show respect to the flag: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name some of the special days we fly the flag proudly: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Our national anthem was written by \_\_\_\_\_.  
He wrote the song as he watched the flag flying over Fort \_\_\_\_\_ during the War of \_\_\_\_\_. The song is named \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Circle the letter of the items that are part of our rights as citizens.
  - a) Own property and choose where to live
  - b) Say what I want (Freedom of Speech)
  - c) Forced to go to the school says I have to attend.
  - d) Have a trial by jury.
  - e) People can not search your home just because they want to—unless they have a warrant.
  - f) You have to have a permit in order to gather with anyone else at any time.
  - g) Worship where you like.
  - h) At age 18 you can vote to determine the leaders and other issues.
7. Are these examples of your duties as a citizen? Y or N
  - Obey laws
  - Help the police
  - Vote
  - Pay taxes
  - Serve on Jury duty
  - Help change things that are not good
  - Respect the rights and property of others
  - Keep informed about national & local government

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## Citizen



### Rights and Duties of Citizens

- ⇒ Right to equal protection under the law and equal justice in the courts.
- ⇒ Right to own property.
- ⇒ Right to be free from arbitrary search or arrest.
- ⇒ Right to free speech, press, and assembly.
- ⇒ Right to equal education and economic opportunity.
- ⇒ Right of religious freedom.
- ⇒ Right to choose public officials in free elections.
- ⇒ Right to have legal counsel of your choice and prompt trial when accused of a crime.

### Responsibilities of Citizens

- ⇒ Duty to obey the laws.
- ⇒ Duty to respect the rights of others.
- ⇒ Duty to be informed on issues of government and community welfare.
- ⇒ Duty to serve on jury, if called.
- ⇒ Duty to vote in elections.
- ⇒ Duty to serve and defend our country.
- ⇒ Duty to assist agencies of law enforcement.
- ⇒ Duty to practice and teach principles of good citizenship in the home.

### Citizenship Pledge

As citizens we will do our best to be prepared in body and will, in spirit and skill. We accept our obligation to God and will show by our actions we are willing to serve others, and be good members of the Scouting team.

### Constitutional Knowledge

1. Of the 13 states that made up the United State of America at the time, only \_\_\_\_\_ did not send a delegation to the first constitutional convention.
2. That constitutional convention boasted of the attendance of some of our country's greatest statesmen. But one renowned signer of the Declaration of Independence was absent. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Two men who later became President of the United States signed the constitution. One was James Madison, Jr. The other was \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The first constitutional convention offered \_\_\_\_\_ original articles.
5. The state of \_\_\_\_\_ sent eight delegates to the convention, the largest number of all 12 states represented.
6. The last state to ratify or approve the Constitution of the United States was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1790.
7. The first federal constitution was held in \_\_\_\_\_.

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### The United States Government

1. Who runs the United States of America?
  - a. the Congress
  - b. the United States government
  - c. the President
2. Who settles questions about the laws?
  - a. the President
  - b. the Congress
  - c. the Supreme Court
3. Who makes sure the laws are carried out?
  - a. the Congress
  - b. the President
  - c. the Supreme Court
4. Who makes the laws?
  - a. the Supreme Court
  - b. the President
  - c. the Congress
5. List the three parts of the government.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Great Documents Quiz

*How much do you know about two of the greatest documents ever written ... the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America?*

1. The first words of the Declaration of Independence are:
  - a. "We hold these truths to be self-evident..."
  - b. "We, the People of the United States ..."
  - c. "When in the course of human events ..."
  - d. "Four score and seven years ago ..."
2. The first draft of the Declaration of Independence was written by:
  - a. John Hancock
  - b. George Washington
  - c. Button Gwinnett
  - d. Thomas Jefferson

3. The Constitution of the United States was signed in what year?
  - a. 1776
  - b. 1492
  - c. 1787
  - d. 1620
4. What is the minimum age for a President of the United States, and in what document is this stated? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which amendment to the Constitution provided for the abolition of slavery?
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup>
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - c. 10<sup>th</sup>
  - d. 13<sup>th</sup>
6. A senator serves a term of:
  - a. 6 years
  - b. 2 years
  - c. 4 years
  - d. 8 years
7. What is maximum number of years a President may serve? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Which amendment to the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech?
  - a. 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment
  - c. 29<sup>th</sup> Amendment
  - d. 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment
9. What legislative body has the sole power to impeach a President?
10. Who takes over in the event of the death of the President?

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### Information Every Citizen Should Know

Who succeeds the President? Everyone knows that in the case of the death of the President, the Vice-President would take over the Presidency. However, what happens if the Vice-President also dies? Congress dealt with this issue in the 1940's and decided that the following people should take over the Presidency in the order given:

President  
Vice President  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
President pro tempore of the Senate  
Secretary of State  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Secretary of Defense  
Attorney General  
Postmaster General  
Secretary of the Interior  
Secretary of Agriculture  
Secretary of Commerce  
Secretary of Labor

This succession was established by an Act of Congress on July 18, 1947.

### The Revolutionary Game

Webelos are divided into two teams, British and Colonials. Draw two lines about 15 feet apart. Have the teams stand behind their lines and face each other. Give each team member a bean bag. Use the signals "Ready," "Aim," "Fire." On "Fire," the teams try to "shoot" the other team players by throwing the bags at them. A person is eliminated from the game when he becomes a "Casualty" by being hit by a bean bag. A player may pick up a bean bag or catch one being thrown toward him and continue the game. The team which eliminates all the players on the other team wins.

### The United States of America Flag

1. The flags of which five countries flew over our Country before it became the United States of America?
2. What was the English flag of the Thirteen Colonies called?
3. When the colonists decided on a flag of their own, what did they call it?
4. How did it differ from the Queen Anne flag?
5. What was the name of the flag made after the Declaration of Independence?
6. How did Old Glory differ from the Grand Union flag?
7. What were the most stripes the U.S. flag had during the War of 1812?  
  
Why?
8. Why was the flag changed back to 13 stripes?

*(Answers on page 130)*