

Citizenship

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Knowledge

Examine the U.S. political system

- Compare and contrast differences you find between state and federal government
- Compare branches of the federal government and determine how they differ from one another
- Compare and contrast the major political parties of the United States
- Explore the history of the bipartisan system and third parties
- Research Tennessee legislative committees and their purpose
- Research and select a local or county issue your community faces
- Write a proposed bill to address the issue you researched

Examine How to Become a U.S. Citizen

- Study information on American government, American history, and the questions asked on the citizenship test
- Take a practice version of the citizenship test
- Review citizenship test results

Learn About and Understand the Election Process

- Identify the importance of being an informed voter
- Compile information on political candidates for local or state elections
- Rank major political issues on a scale of importance as they relate to you personally
- Develop a list of criteria that should be considered when deciding among political candidates
- Compare and contrast the local political system to that of the state and federal level
- Recognize the importance of voting in local, state, and federal elections
- Research elections in other countries, including minimum age to vote, positions elected, length of service in office, etc.
- Present at a 4-H meeting on your findings regarding elections in other countries



Study the Process of Creating a Bill

- List the Tennessee General Assembly's process for the bill to become law

Skills

- Construct an interactive exhibit that explains how different branches of the government work together
- Write a speech on what it means to be a citizen and what responsibilities citizens have
- Research proper debate procedures
- Become familiar with debate and understand how to argue both sides of a point
- Talk with your 4-H agent about attending Tennessee 4-H Congress in 9th grade
- Prepare for “Know Your Government” at Congress



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