

New Jersey Department of Education
2006 Social Studies Standards Implementation Guide (SIG)

6.2 CIVICS: ALL STUDENTS WILL KNOW, UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND THE RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ROLES OF A CITIZEN IN THE NATION AND THE WORLD.

Grade 2

6.2.2.B. American Values and Principles

1. Identify symbols of American values and beliefs such as the American Flag and the Statue of Liberty.

Framework97 References

Identify Symbols of American Principles and Beliefs, pp. 43-45



National History Standard

National Standards for Civics and Government

- II. What Are the Basic Values and Principles of American Democracy?
- III. How Does the Government Embody the Principles of American Democracy?

Content Overview

Students learn to identify important symbols of American liberty such as the American Flag, the Statue of Liberty, the Pledge of Allegiance, U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the first New Jersey Constitution and the values and beliefs that they represent to all Americans.

Essential Questions

What is the significance and importance of such national symbols as the American Flag and the Statue of Liberty?
What is separation of church and state?
Has the culture changed in America as our society has become more diverse?
What does equality of opportunity mean?
How does one measure equality of justice, of opportunity et al?
What are some examples of individual rights and responsibilities Americans have through the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence?

Teaching Resources

The Bill of Rights Institute, 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 1050, Arlington, VA. is a major source of teaching materials for the rights of all Americans and for the Founders. See the website www.billofrightsinstitute.org/.

See *Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government for Kids*, "Symbols of U.S. Government" which is a service of the U.S. Government Printing Office containing a complete list of symbols, buildings, statues and memorials, and songs and oaths with a complete discussion (with visuals) of each of them. Available at <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/symbols/>.

Assessment

Given pictures or print materials of major American symbols such as the U.S. flag, Statue of Liberty, Statue of Justice, Great Seal of the U.S., the American Eagle, the National Anthem, and the national motto (In God We Trust), the students give an oral presentation on the significance of the item. Include what the symbol means to you in the presentation.