

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.C. Constitution and American Democracy

1. Identify community and government leaders (e.g., mayor, town council, President of the United States).

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Framework97 References

Identify Key Principles Embodied in the Constitution, pp. 32-33
Identify Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens, pp. 34-35

National History Standard

- I. What is Government and What Should it Do?
- II. What Are the Basic Principles and Values of American Democracy?
- III. How Does the Government Embody the Principles of American Democracy?

Content Overview

This section requires that students identify offices of local, state and national government and the similarities and differences between them. Do all levels have balanced government, with three branches: executive, legislative and judicial. What are they called in each case? Who are some of the persons who hold local offices like Mayor and Town Council; who is the current Governor; who is the President? What do they do? How can we find out more about them.

Essential Questions

What is the difference between a mayor and a member of the local town council?
How are the responsibilities of a mayor different from those of the President of the United States?
What are the three branches of government and how does the Constitution give specific powers to each of them? What are the three branches in our town? What do they do?
What are examples of some services provided by local, state, and the federal governments that people need?

How does each branch of government make its decisions and implement them?

Teaching Resources

See the Teachers Manual for the Town First Civics Program and also Empowerment Civics from the New Jersey Center for Civic Responsibility (www.jointhecampaign.com).

Assessment

Each student names at least three local government officials in the township with the job title in a written format.