



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.

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: _____

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Requirement 3

Outline the relationships between state and federal governments: _____

