

# Unit 5: Active Citizenship in the 21st Century Grade 5

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
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## Established Goals/Standards

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Please choose the appropriate Goals/Standards from the Standards tab above.

	Levels of government (i.e., local, state, and federal) have different powers and responsibilities.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPI.4	Describe the services our government provides the people in the community, state and across the United States.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPI.5	Explain how government functions at the local, county, and state level.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPI.6	Distinguish the roles and responsibilities of the three branches of the national government.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPI.7	Explain how national and state governments share power in the federal system of government.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPI.8	Describe how the United States Constitution defines and limits the power of government.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPI.9	Research and compare the differences and similarities between the United States and other nations' governments, customs, and laws.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPD.1	Describe the roles of elected representatives and explain how individuals at local, state, and national levels can interact with them.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPD.2	Explain how individuals can initiate and/or influence local, state, or national public policymaking (e.g., petitions, proposing laws, contacting elected officials).  Effective conflict resolution is possible when evidence, diverse perspectives, and intended/unintended consequences are considered.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPD.3	Explain how and why it is important that people from diverse cultures collaborate to find solutions to community, state, national, and global challenges.  A major role of citizens in a representative democracy is to make responsible decisions about who should govern.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPD.4	Compare the qualifications of candidates running for local, state, or national public office with the responsibilities of the position.  Fundamental rights that allow democratic societies to function can be seen at all levels of government in society.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsDP.1	Using evidence, explain how the core civic virtues and democratic principles impact the decisions made at the local, state, and national government (e.g., fairness, equality, common good).
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsDP.2	Compare and contrast responses of individuals and groups, past and present, to violations of fundamental rights (e.g., fairness, civil rights, human rights).
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsDP.3	Describe the role of religious freedom and participatory government in various North American colonies.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPR.2	Describe the process by which immigrants can become United States citizens.  Rules, laws, and policies are designed to protect the rights of people, help resolve conflicts, and promote the common good.

SOC.6.1.5.CivicsPR.3	Evaluate school and community rules, laws and/or policies and determine if they meet their intended purpose.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsHR.1	Describe how fundamental rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights contribute to the improvement of American democracy (i.e., freedom of expression, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom of petition, the right to vote, and the right to due process).
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsHR.2	Research and cite evidence for how the actions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other historical civil rights leaders served as catalysts for social change, inspired social activism in subsequent generations.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsHR.3	Cite examples from a variety of sources to describe how national and international leaders, businesses, and global organizations promote human rights and aid individuals and nations in need.  Individuals have the right to be safe and not to be bullied or discriminated against.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsHR.4	Identify actions that are unfair or discriminatory, such as bullying, and propose solutions to address such actions.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsCM.1	Use a variety of sources to describe the characteristics exhibited by real and fictional people that contribute(d) to the well-being of their community and country.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsCM.2	Use evidence from multiple sources to construct a claim about how self-discipline and civility contribute to the common good.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsCM.3	Identify the types of behaviors that promote collaboration and problem solving with others who have different perspectives.
SEL.PK-12.3.1	Recognize and identify the thoughts, feelings, and perspectives of others
SEL.PK-12.3.2	Demonstrate and awareness of the differences among individuals, groups, and others' cultural backgrounds
SEL.PK-12.3.3	Demonstrate an understanding of the need for mutual respect when viewpoints differ
SEL.PK-12.3.4	Demonstrate an awareness of the expectations for social interactions in a variety of settings
SEL.PK-12.4.1	Develop, implement and model effective problem-solving, and critical thinking skills
SEL.PK-12.4.2	Identify the consequences associated with one's actions in order to make constructive choices
SEL.PK-12.4.3	Evaluate personal, ethical, safety, and civic impact of decisions

## Essential Questions

Please add your Essential Questions by clicking on the Lists tab above.

- What are the skills needed to be active, informed citizen?
- What are ways you can get involved at a state or local government?

## Enduring Understanding

Please add your Enduring Understandings by clicking on the Lists tab above.

- Citizens need to be active and informed.
- Citizens value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the

challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.

- Prejudice can effect individuals, groups, and society.

## **Content**

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Students will be able to:

- identify ways to be an active citizen (present and future)
- demonstrate understanding of democratic values and processes
- listen open mindedly to views contrary to their own
- recognize the causes and effects of prejudice on individuals, groups, and society
- crticially analyze media to assess different viewpoints and detects bias, opinion, and stereotypes

## **Resources**

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- Paperclips documentary
- Discovery Education: Citizenship video
- Citizenship essay
- Election flipcharts