



Citizenship in the Nation

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#)
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Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

1. Explain what citizenship in the nation means _____

and what it takes to be a good citizen of this country. _____

Discuss the rights, _____

duties, _____

and obligations of a responsible and active American citizen. _____

2. Do TWO of the following:

(a) Visit a place that is listed as a National Historic Landmark or that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Tell your counselor what you learned about the landmark or site and what you found interesting about it.

(b) Tour your state capitol building or the U.S. Capitol. Tell your counselor what you learned about the capitol, its function, and the history.

6. With your counselor's approval, choose a speech of national historical importance. _____

Find out about the author, and tell your counselor about the person who gave the speech. _____

Explain the importance of the speech at the time it was given, _____

and tell how it applies to American citizens today. _____

Choose a sentence or two from the speech that has significant meaning to you, _____

and tell your counselor why. _____

7. Name the three branches of our federal government and explain to your counselor their functions. Explain how citizens are involved in each branch. For each branch of government, explain the importance of the system of checks and balances.

Branch: _____

Function: _____

Citizen Involvement: _____

Importance of Checks & Balances: _____

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Importance of Checks & Balances: _____

8. Name your two senators _____
and the member of Congress from your congressional district. _____

Write a letter about a national issue and send it to one of these elected officials, sharing your view with him or her. Show your letter and any response you receive to your counselor. (Note: Per National, the letter must also be sent by fax, email, or regular mail but a response does not have to be received.) _____

Online Resources (Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)

- Merit Badge Workbooks: usscouts.org -or- meritbadge.org ► Merit Badge Books: www.scoutstuff.org
- Boy Scouts of America: <http://www.scouting.org/> ► Requirements ► Intro to Merit Badges
- Your local post office is a federal facility. To find their address and phone number to arrange a tour:
<http://www.usps.com/locator/welcome.htm?from=home&page=0060locatelo>
- Speeches: ► http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gettysburg_Address ► http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I_have_a_dream
- Declaration of Independence: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence
- The U. S. Constitution Online: <http://www.usconstitution.net>
- President Speeches: <http://comm.tamu.edu/pres/speech.html>
- Email Your Senator or Congressman: <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>
- American Civil Liberties Union: <http://www.aclu.org> Democratic National Committee: <http://www.democrats.org>
- FirstGov: <http://www.firstgov.gov> GovSpot: <http://www.govspot.com>
- League of Women Voters: <http://www.lwv.org> National Constitution Center: <http://www.constitutioncenter.org>
- National Park Service: <http://www.nps.gov> Republican National Committee: <http://www.rnc.org>
- Thomas: <http://thomas.loc.gov> U.S. Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov>
- U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov> U.S. Government Printing Office: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov>
- U.S. Senate: <http://www.senate.gov> U.S. Supreme Court: <http://www.supremecourtus.gov>
- The White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov>