



Citizenship in the Nation

Merit Badge Worksheet

Scouts Name _____

Date _____

Counselor's Name _____

Counselor's Phone # _____

Complete

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. _____

Complete

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. Explain 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. Explain what you learned about the capitol, its function, and the history. _____

c. Tour a federal facility. Explain what you saw there and what you learned about its function in the local community and how it serves this nation. _____

d. Choose a national monument that interests you. _____
Using books, brochures, the Internet (with your parent's permission), and other re-
sources, find out more about the monument. Tell what you learned, and explain why
the monument is important to this country's citizens. _____

Complete

3. Watch the national evening news five days in a row OR read the front page of a
major daily newspaper five days in a row. Discuss the national issues you learned
about. _____

Choose one of the issues and explain how it affects you and your family. _____

Complete

4. Discuss each of the following documents. Explain how you feel life in the United
States might be different without each one.

a. Declaration of Independence _____

b. Preamble to the Constitution _____

c. The Constitution _____

d. Bill of Rights _____

e. Amendments to the Constitution _____

Complete

5. List the six functions of government as noted in the preamble to the Constitution.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Discuss how these functions affect your family and local community. _____

Complete

6. Choose a speech of national historical importance. Find out about the author, and tell 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. _____

Complete

7. Name the three branches of our federal government and explain 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. _____

Complete

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. Who did you write? _____

Did they respond? _____ What was there response? _____
