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# Civics

To succeed together, citizens need to understand civic life and government.



# Vocabulary: Civics

<b>agricultural</b>	having to do with farming
<b>amendment</b>	change or addition to a document
<b>branch</b>	one part of the government
<b>campaign</b>	activities to reach the goal of being elected
<b>candidates</b>	people who are trying to get elected
<b>civic duties</b>	the responsibilities of being a citizen
<b>Constitution</b>	document that tells a government how to do things
<b>democracy</b>	a government where the people rule
<b>executive branch</b>	carries out laws (President, Vice President)
<b>federal</b>	the central government of the United States
<b>government</b>	the way decisions for a country are made
<b>immigrant</b>	a person who moves to a new country to live
<b>judicial branch</b>	decides if laws are fair (Supreme Court)
<b>jury</b>	a group of people who make a decision in a courtroom case
<b>legislative branch</b>	makes laws (Congress)
<b>majority</b>	more than half of the people
<b>taxes</b>	money you have to pay to the government

# A Constitution of Laws for the United States



The U.S. Constitution was written after the Revolutionary War in 1787.

After the Revolutionary War, leaders from the independent American states came together in 1787 to create a new **government**. They wrote a document that describes how the government should work. That document is called the United States **Constitution**. The U.S. Constitution tells Americans what their government can and cannot do. A Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution to include ten **amendments** that protect important rights and freedoms for all Americans.

# Quiz

## A Constitution of Laws for the United States

1 The Constitution has hundreds of amendments.

True

False

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2 It took months to finish the Constitution.

True

False

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3 What are the first words of the Constitution?

Once upon a time....

We the people....

In the beginning....

# A Democracy with Three Branches of Government



The United States Capitol houses the legislative branch of government.

The government of the United States is a **democracy**. In a democracy, the people choose who will work in the government. Three branches of government work together to create and enforce laws for the United States. Laws are written by congress in the **legislative branch**. A new law must be approved by the president in the **executive branch**. In the **judicial branch**, judges decide whether a law is fair for everyone. The three branches must work together to make laws and run the government.



# Quiz

## A Democracy with Three Branches of Government

1 Each state has two senators and two representatives in Congress.

True

False

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2 The Constitution begins with the words "We the people."

True

False

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3 Which branch of the federal government can be found in the U.S. Capitol building?

legislative branch

executive branch

judicial branch

# Economics

Economics is the study of how people manage the sharing of things needed for life together.



# Vocabulary: Economics

<b>barter</b>	trade with another person instead of paying with money
<b>budget</b>	a plan for spending your money
<b>currency</b>	the kind of money a country uses
<b>fee</b>	what you pay someone to do something for you
<b>global</b>	all over the world
<b>interest</b>	extra money when you pay off a debt
<b>loan</b>	money you borrow from a person or bank
<b>natural resource</b>	thing found in nature that is useful to humans, like wood
<b>products</b>	a thing that is made and then sold
<b>profit</b>	ending up with more money than you started with
<b>stock share</b>	a piece of a company that you own

# Paying with Beads and Shells



Shells were used as money in ancient China.

Before using money, people got the things they needed by bartering. When people **barter**, one person gives something in exchange for something else. People traded with each other for food, clothing, and other things they needed. Now people can use money to buy things. Money has not always been coins and paper bills. About 3,000 years ago the Chinese used seashells as money.

# Quiz

## Paying with Beads and Shells

1 Bartering is a kind of trading.

True

False

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2 Money has always been coins and paper dollars.

True

False

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3 Who used shells like these as money?

Spanish explorers

people in ancient China

Roman soldiers

# The Role of Money in an Economy



Each country has their own type of currency for money.

Each country has a system of money for buying things. The first coins were made out of metals like gold and silver. Paper money was invented later. Today, paper money and coins are used all over the world. Each country has their own type of **currency** for money. The currency of the United States is the dollar. Americans in all 50 states use the same kinds of dollar bills and coins.

# Quiz

## The Role of Money in an Economy

1 Each state in America has its own type of currency.

True

False

---

2 Each country has a system of money for buying things.

True

False

---



3 What does this picture show?

Money from different countries does not look the same.

Paper money looks the same everywhere.

Coins from around the world look the same.

## HISTORY: PART 1

# World History

Learning our history helps us understand how and why the world got to be the way it is.





# Vocabulary: World History

<b>agriculture</b>	the science or practice of farming
<b>civilian</b>	a person not in the military
<b>civilization</b>	the way of life in a particular place or time
<b>colony</b>	an area that is under political control of another country
<b>continent</b>	a large landmass on Earth, like Africa or Europe
<b>empire</b>	a group of countries controlled by one ruler or government
<b>factory</b>	building where things are made with machines
<b>hieroglyphics</b>	a language using pictures to represent words
<b>Industrial Revolution</b>	fast growth of industry using machines in the 1800s
<b>merchant</b>	someone who buys and then sells products
<b>monument</b>	a building or statue made in memory of a person or event
<b>Native Americans</b>	people whose ancestors lived in America before Europeans
<b>philosophy</b>	study of ideas about knowledge, truth, and meaning of life
<b>sphere</b>	a round object, like a ball
<b>steamship</b>	a ship that is powered by a steam engine
<b>technology</b>	using science for practical purposes
<b>translated</b>	words changed from one language to another

# Clues about Prehistoric Life



Cave drawings tell stories about ancient human life.

Humans have lived on Earth for a long time. Some early humans lived in caves. They used stones to make tools. The stone tools can teach us about how early humans lived. Some of the tools were used to hunt animals for food. The animals were important to the early humans. They drew pictures of animals on cave walls.

# Quiz

## Clues about Prehistoric Life

1 Early humans told stories with pictures.

True

False

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2 Early humans made tools from stones.

True

False

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3 What does this cave painting show?

people running away from animals

people hunting animals

people growing plants for food

# Growing Food and Building Cities



Ancient wall paintings show Egyptian farming.

The earliest humans did not stay in one place. Food they ate came from hunting animals. The animals they hunted moved around. The humans followed the animals so they could hunt them. They also ate fruits and vegetables growing in the wild. When humans learned about **agriculture**, they could grow their own food. Farm life allowed people to stay in one place.

# Quiz

## Growing Food and Building Cities

1 Humans have always known how to grow their own food.

True

False

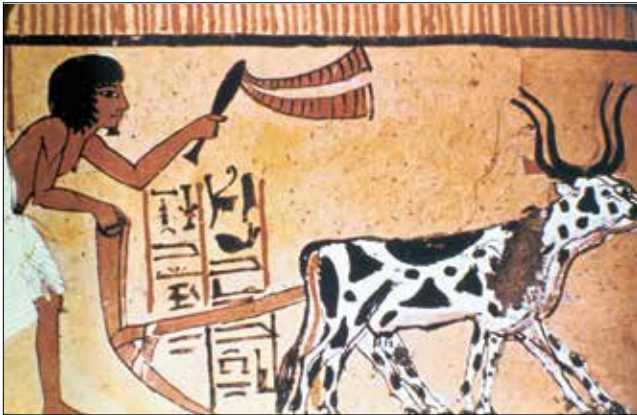
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2 Humans moved around less after learning agriculture.

True

False

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3 What does this picture show about farming in ancient Egypt?

Egyptian farmers used plows pulled by animals.

There was plenty of water for farming in Egypt.

Egyptian farmers like to sing.

## HISTORY: PART 2

# U.S. History

Learning our history helps us understand how and why the United States got to be the way it is.



# Vocabulary: U.S. History

<b>allies</b>	people or countries on the same side in a fight
<b>amendment</b>	change or addition to a document
<b>astronaut</b>	person who travels into outer space
<b>boycott</b>	refusing to buy something as a form of protest
<b>colony</b>	an area that is under political control of another country
<b>empire</b>	countries or areas controlled by one ruler
<b>expedition</b>	a journey for a purpose, like exploring
<b>factory</b>	building where things are made with machines
<b>frontier</b>	the edge of the settled part of a country
<b>independence</b>	freedom from the control of others
<b>labor unions</b>	a group of workers organized to protect their interests
<b>manufacture</b>	make a product using machines
<b>Native Americans</b>	people whose ancestors lived in America before Europeans
<b>plantation</b>	large farm for growing crops like cotton, coffee, or sugar to sell
<b>religion</b>	organized system of beliefs in a god or gods
<b>revolutionary</b>	bringing about political change
<b>rights</b>	something everyone should have or be allowed to do
<b>segregation</b>	enforced separation of different racial groups
<b>settlement</b>	a place where people establish a community
<b>stock</b>	a piece of a company that you own
<b>surrender</b>	in war, give up and let the enemy win
<b>taxes</b>	money you have to pay to the government



# England Establishes a Colony in Virginia



The Jamestown settlement was built on land where Native Americans lived..

England built **settlements** in North America. The first English settlement was called Jamestown. It was located in Virginia. Virginia was an English **colony**. Life at Jamestown was very hard. The people who lived there got sick. There was not enough food to eat. **Native Americans** lived near Jamestown. The colonists gave the Native Americans metal and beads. The Native Americans gave food to the colonists. When the colonists wanted more land, some Native Americans fought to keep their land.



# Quiz

## England Establishes a Colony in Virginia

1 In 1492, Spanish explorers claimed land in the New World.

True

False

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2 The settlers at Jamestown had plenty of food.

True

False

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3 Who are the people shown in this picture?

English settlers

Spanish explorers

Native Americans

# A New Life in New England



The Pilgrims left England in 1620 on a sailing ship called the *Mayflower*.

In 1620, only one kind of church was allowed in England. The English king wanted everyone to be part of the Church of England. There was no freedom of **religion**. In the New World of America, people could have different kinds of churches. A group of people called Pilgrims sailed to America on a ship called the *Mayflower*. The new home for the Pilgrims became known as New England. **Native Americans** helped the Pilgrims learn to grow food. More than 150 years later, this land would become part of the United States of America.

# Quiz

## A New Life in New England

1 In 1620, there were many kinds of churches in England.

True

False

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2 The first Pilgrims came to America on the *Mayflower*.

True

False

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3 What can you tell about the *Mayflower* from this picture?

The ship used wind power.

The ship was very fast.

The ship was very slow.

# Geography

Geography is the study of Earth's landscapes, people, places and environments.



# Vocabulary: Geography

<b>atmosphere</b>	the gases, including air, that surround a planet
<b>climate</b>	the kind of weather in an area over a period of time
<b>environment</b>	where a person, animal, or plant lives
<b>global warming</b>	gradual increase in the overall temperature of the earth
<b>hurricane</b>	storm with a violent wind
<b>sphere</b>	a round object, like a ball



# Flat Pictures of a Round World



A map is a flat picture of Earth.

Maps and globes are used to represent areas of land or sea. Like Earth, a globe is a **sphere**. Maps are flat. On a globe, the area of a city would be very small. A map is a better way to show smaller areas. For many years, only paper maps were used. Today, you can look at maps on a computer or smartphone. Now your phone can give you travel directions.

# Quiz

## Flat Pictures of a Round World

1 A globe has the shape of a sphere.

True

False

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2 For many years, only paper maps were available.

True

False

---



3 What does this picture show?

The Earth is flat.

A map can show all parts of the world at once.

The Earth revolves around the Sun.

# Using Geography to Decide Where to Live



Hurricanes can happen along the Atlantic coast of the United States.

Geography helps explain the choices people make about where to live. The geography of a place tells what is important to know about that place. For farming, a place in the country with water from a river is a good place to live. People looking for factory jobs will move to a city. Geography helps people know the possible dangers of a place. U.S. cities along the southern coast of the Atlantic Ocean are sometimes damaged by **hurricanes**. Cities in the northern United States often have cold and snowy winters.



# Quiz

## Using Geography to Decide Where to Live

1 Water is needed for farming.

True

False

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2 Geography can help people choose where to live.

True

False

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3 What does this picture show?

a snowstorm over the middle of the U.S.

a hurricane near the U.S. over the Atlantic Ocean

a thunderstorm near the U.S. over the Pacific Ocean