







### How Government Works

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What does government do? Why do we need it? As you learn about government, you will be able to find out what it does and how it helps us. You will also be able to see what your role is in government.

We elect leaders in our government. They help make laws that keep us safe.



### What Does Government Do?

A government is a group of people who work together to run a city, state, or country. The government makes laws that people must follow. These laws protect people and keep them safe.



Community workers help to keep places around us safe. They work for the government. Community members pay taxes for these services.



Police and firefighters help to keep us safe in and out of our homes. They are government workers, too. Citizens pay taxes for these services.



Judges have many jobs in our community. They decide what laws mean. They also perform wedding ceremonies.

### **Connect Through Literature**

### Penny Story: Where did it come from?

Story and Art by Jan Adkins

Nathan Chan finds a penny on Filbert Street in San Francisco. He is an honest boy and wants to return it, but how can he find the person who dropped it? Nathan decides he will take the penny back where it came from. He rides a cable

car across the city to the San Francisco

Mint, a place where money is

made for the United States.



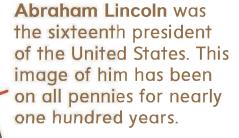
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#### IN GOD WE TRUST

These words are on all United States coins.

**LIBERTY** This word is on all **United States** coins. Liberty means freedom.

**VDB** These are the initials of V. D. Brenner, who created this image of President Lincoln.



**1999** is the year this penny was made.

The **D** shows that this penny was made at the Denver Mint.

"No, this isn't one of ours," says the information person at the San Francisco Mint. He explains that the United States makes pennies at three different mints, and each mint has its own letter. A penny with an S below the date was made in San Francisco.

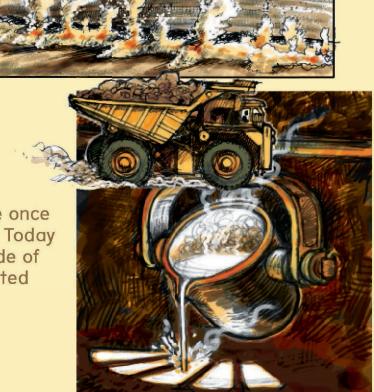
A penny with a P was made in Philadelphia. But this D penny was made at the mint in Denver.

Nathan calls his family to tell them he must return something and will be late for dinner. His mother tells him to be polite and careful, and Nathan flies to Denver.

At the Denver Mint, Nathan asks, "Is this your penny?"

"Yes and no," a coin inspector says. She explains how a piece of metal becomes an official penny. "We make our pennies out of big sheets of zinc we get from Arizona," she tells Nathan. Nathan flies to Arizona. There he watches hot liquid zinc being poured into molds and then rolled into sheets. A man in charge tells Nathan, "This zinc comes to us from a big mine in Minnesota."

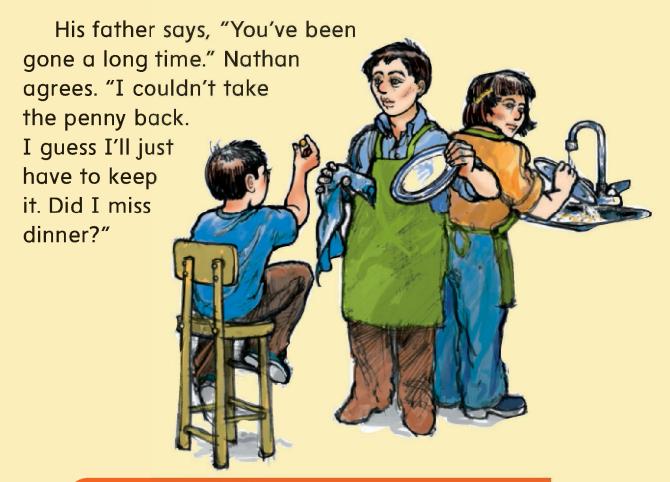
Nathan flies to Minnesota. At the mine, he watches zinc ore being blasted out of the earth and loaded into huge trucks.



Pennies were once pure copper. Today they are made of zinc and coated with copper.

Nathan sighs. The penny he found started in Minnesota, traveled to Arizona, Denver, and San Francisco, and somehow got to Filbert Street.

Nathan sighs again and takes the next plane home.



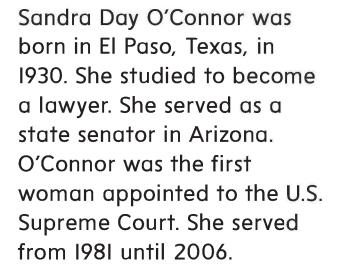
#### Think About It

- I. Is this piece of text fact or fiction? How can you tell?
- 2. Where does Nathan go first? Where does he go next? Why does he go there?
- 3. What facts did you learn about pennies that you did not know before?

### People You Should Know



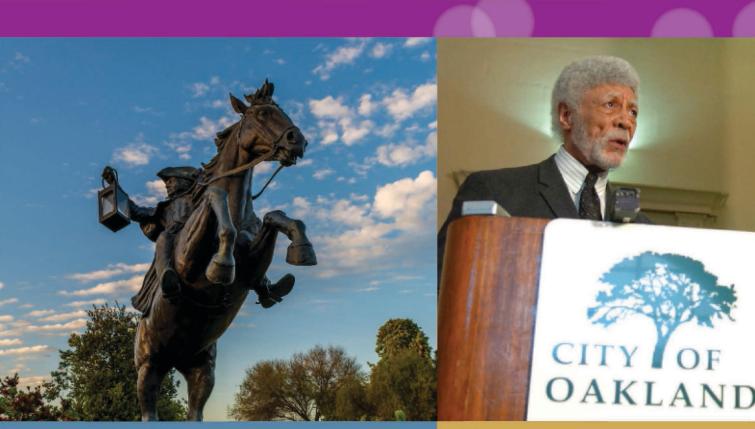






#### **Barack Obama**

Barack Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1961. He became the first African American president of the United States. He served as president from 2009 until 2017. He was the forty-fourth president of the United States.



#### **Paul Revere**

Paul Revere was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1735. He wanted Americans to stand up against Britain for their independence. He rode his horse at midnight from Boston to Lexington on April 18, 1775. He warned Americans that the British were coming. This was the start of the American Revolution.

### Mayors

Mayors are leaders of government in communities. They make sure that police, firefighters, schools, and transportation are in order. Some mayors work with town or city councils. Together they lead and run our communities.



### Why Do We Have Rules?

### Rules, Rules, Everywhere

Why do we have rules? We can find them in many places. We have them in our classroom, at school, and at home. We have rules around our community.

Rules keep people safe. They make sure that everyone is treated the same way. Rules give everyone the same chance to do or say something.

Rules at the pool help keep everyone safe.



### POOL RULES



(STRICTLY ENFORCED)

NO FOOD, DRINK, GLASS OR ANIMALS IN POOL OR ON POOL DECK.

BATHING LOAD: PERSONS.

POOL HOURS: 7 AM TO 10 PM.

SHOWER BEFORE ENTERING.

# NO DIVING

### **What Rules Do**

We follow rules to stay healthy. You might have seen a sign that tells you to wash your hands. This rule helps to keep you and others healthy.

#### **Our House Rules:**



Clean up your own messes



Help with chores



If you hurt someone's feelings, apologize.

At school or at home we have other rules to keep us safe. These are rules about keeping our hands to ourselves and not fighting. Fighting can hurt you and others. It also does not show respect. Respect is treating others well.

We know that if we do not follow rules there are consequences. What might happen if someone hits or fights with others? That person might lose recess that week or have to sit next to the teacher during class. By following rules we can stay safe and healthy and show respect.





Talk What do rules do?

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### Treating Others Well





### The Golden Rule

"Treat other people the way that you would like to be treated."

This rule has been taught in many cultures around the world for thousands of years. It's called the Golden Rule. What do you think the rule is? How do you think it got its name?





People have followed the Golden Rule for a long time and in regions around the world. It shows that this rule is important.

### Stop and Check



Think How does helping others show that we are following rules? What does following the Golden Rule show?

### Bullying

What does it mean to be a bully? A bully says or does unkind things to others.

Brandon and Tina each have a point of view about what a bully is and does. Read what they think. Who do you agree with? Why do you agree with that point of view?

I think that a bully is someone who hurts others. They can say something mean.
They can do something mean. I think a bully is just mean to everyone.



I think a bully finds people to pick on.
A bully thinks some people should be picked on.
A bully does not hurt everyone.



COLLABORATE

When you see someone being bullied or when you are being bullied, the first thing you should do is tell a grownup you trust. No one deserves to be bullied, and a grownup will help you figure out what to do.

### Stop and Check

Talk How are the points of view of Brandon and Tina alike? How are they different?

What Do You Think? What is a bully? How should a bully be treated? What consequences should a bully face?

### Fun with Rules

Rules can also be fun! Have you played a game and followed the rules? Knowing the rules of a game is important. If someone does not follow the rules it is not fair to the others.





One person has not followed the rule.

In baseball, if you get three strikes, you're out. In checkers, you take turns with the other player. While playing cards, each game has a certain set of rules about what type of card you can play, and when you can play it. Rules make games more fair and fun for everyone playing.

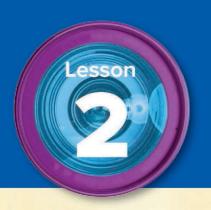
### **Did You Know?**

The game Fish, or Go Fish, is popular in many countries other than the United States. In Italy it's called Scopa, and in India it's called Seep.

### **✓ Stop and Check**

Talk How are rules for playing games like other rules?





### How Do We Make Laws?

### **Our Constitution**

Our country's first leaders knew that we needed to have laws to get along. They had a meeting. At this meeting, they planned how people would run our government. They wrote a plan called the Constitution.

The Constitution tells us how to run the government. It tells us how we can make laws. It says that we are free to say what we think. It says that we are free to choose our religion.

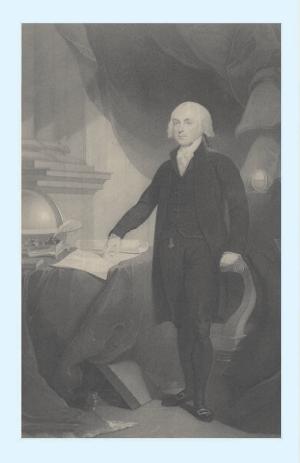
The Constitution of the United States

### **Biography**

#### **James Madison**

James Madison is called the "Father of the Constitution." He not only helped write it, but he also helped get the states to agree to the ideas in it. That was not an easy job.

Madison thought that people should be able to have rights as citizens, like freedom of speech and freedom to choose their own religion. He made sure these ideas became part of the Constitution. He had other ideas that also became part of the Constitution.



### Did You Know?

You can go to Washington, D.C., to see the Constitution. Look for it in the National Archives. It's safe under glass! Other important documents are there, too.

A document is a written or printed piece of paper that has information. A document can be a primary source or a secondary source. This document is a primary source. It is the Constitution of the United States. On the last page are the signatures of our early leaders.

A secondary source is not the original document. A painting of the leaders signing the Constitution is a secondary source. The painter was not there. The painter made the painting years later.

### Stop and Check



Talk How is a secondary source different from a primary source?

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### **Who Makes Laws?**

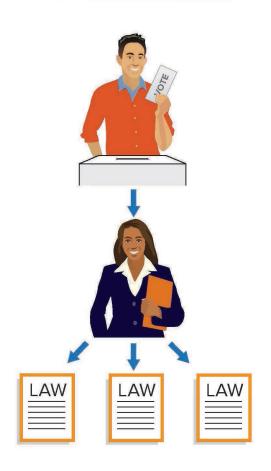
The Constitution says that our government is run by its citizens. A **citizen** is a member of a community, state, or country. A citizen helps run our government by voting. To vote is to choose someone or something. The person or thing with the most votes wins.

Citizens can vote on laws. But if every citizen voted on every law, it would take a long time to make laws! Our Constitution helps with this problem.



Our Constitution says that we can vote to choose our lawmakers. A lawmaker is someone who finds out what laws citizens want, then he or she votes on these laws.

Lawmakers make up the legislative branch of our government. Lawmakers work in Congress. They work with the other branches of the government.



#### **Did You Know?**

In Canada, our neighbor to the north, the people vote for their leaders, just like people in the United States do. The leader of Canada is called the Prime Minister. The lawmakers in Canada are called Parliament.



COLLABORATE

### Stop and Check

Think Who are the people who make laws, and how do they get their jobs?

### Our Government

Our government is run by three different groups of people. Each group has its own special work to do. The three groups are leaders, lawmakers, and judges. Judges decide what the laws mean.

Our leaders, lawmakers, and judges work for our country, our state, and our community.

George Washington was our country's first president.

### Around the World

Mexico's lawmakers meet in Mexico City, the capital of Mexico. The lawmakers in Mexico are called the Congress of the Union. They are like Congress in the United States.





The leader of our country is the president. The president's job is to carry out our country's laws. Citizens vote to choose our president once every four years. The president is part of the executive branch of our government.

### Stop and Check



Talk What groups make up our country's government?

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### **Making a Law**

You have already learned that we vote for our lawmakers. They make up Congress. But how does an idea for a law become a real law?

- I. Lawmakers write a bill. A bill is an idea for a new law.
- 2. Lawmakers vote "Yes" or "No" on the bill.
- 3. If there are more "Yes" votes than "No" votes, the bill goes to the president.
- 4. If the president agrees with the bill, it becomes a law.
- 5. If the president does not agree with the bill, it goes back to Congress.
- 6. Congress votes on the bill again. If at least two-thirds of the lawmakers vote "Yes," then the bill becomes a law

then the bill becomes a law.

This is what our first Congress looked like.

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This is what our Congress looks like today.





Talk What people help make laws in our country's government?

### **Judges**

The judicial branch is made up of judges in the Supreme Court. They work in a building called a court. The Supreme Court is the most important court in our country. Judges make sure that our laws, old and new, agree with the Constitution.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was the first female judge to be appointed to the United States Supreme Court.





Judges in cities and towns have trials in court, too. A trial is a meeting to decide if someone broke the law. A jury may listen to a trial. They are citizens of our country. The jury works with the judge to decide what is fair. If someone breaks a law there is a consequence. That person is punished.

### Stop and Check



Talk What do Supreme Court judges do? Where do they work?

What Do You Think? Why is it important who makes our laws and how they are made?

## A Child in the White House

Tad Lincoln was Abraham Lincoln's son. Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president of the United States. Tad was only eight years old when he moved into the White House with his family. He liked to play with toys. He liked games.

Someone brought a turkey to the White House. Tad was ten years old at the time. Tad really liked the turkey. He named the turkey Jack.



Toy horse, like the one Tad Lincoln played with. Tad heard that Jack was going to be killed to be eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. Tad was very angry. He told his father. President Lincoln wanted to help. He wrote an order to save Jack.

Many people in the United States celebrate
Thanksgiving. They eat turkey as part of this
holiday. Every year the president saves a turkey.
They want to keep the tradition





### Why Should People Follow Laws?

### People Who Help Us Follow the Law





### Laws Protect Rights

Laws also protect our rights. These rights are listed in the Constitution. There is a section in the Constitution called the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights lists ten key rights that we all have as citizens.

The Bill of Rights has ten amendments. An amendment is a change or something that is added. It means these rights were added to the Constitution.

One amendment in the Bill of Rights is the First Amendment. It says that all citizens of the United States have the right to practice any religion they want, citizens and the press have freedom of speech, and citizens of the United States have the right to peacefully protest if they think they are being treated unfairly.

The United States Constitution helps local and state governments decide what laws they need. The Constitution describes the rights of American people. The laws need to protect people's rights.

#### First Amendment:

Freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition

First Amendment	What It Means
Freedom of	Congress cannot make any laws that
Religion	Say what religion we must have
Speech	Keep us from speaking what we think
Press	Keep us from writing what we think
Assembly	Keep us from speaking out what we think with a group of people
Petition	Keep us from asking the government to fix a problem

The First Amendment is one right in the Bill of Rights.





Talk Discuss why the Constitution is so important.

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#### When People Break Laws

Sometimes people break laws. When they break them, they might need to go to **court**, a building where judges work. They will have a trial. A **trial** decides whether someone broke the law or is innocent. A judge will listen to the case in court and decide on a fair consequence.

In a courtroom, sometimes there is a **jury**, which is a group of twelve citizens who listen to the trial and help decide on the consequence. The other people in the room are

- the judge,
- the lawyers for both sides of the case,
- a court reporter who writes down everything that is said during the trial,
- · the people in the gallery, or audience, and
- · the person who is going through the trial.

#### Infographic

#### **Courtroom Features**

Look at the diagram. The diagram shows a courtroom. Find the number labels on the picture. Find the numbers in the key. Pick a number in the picture and match it to the key. Read its description.

#### **A** Courtroom

- I. Jury Box: The jury sits here to listen.
- Judge's Bench: The judge's desk is called a bench.
- 3. Witness Stand:
  A witness is a person who tells what they know. They promise to tell the truth.



4. Legal Tables: The person who is on trial and lawyers sit at these tables.

#### Stop and Check



COLLABORATE

Think What do we do to make sure that a trial is fair?

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# Let's Visit a Police Department!

Most cities and towns have a police department. Do you know where the police station is near where you live? Police officers at the police station protect the people of their city or town. There are many things you can see at the police station. You can even try using some of the equipment that real police officers use—after you get permission. Let's go!





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You can try out the radio that police carry.

This is what a 9II call center looks like. They get all the calls made to 9II and send either the police or fire department.





#### **How Does California State Government** Work?

#### California State Capital

The United States has a capital city. California does too. Sacramento is the capital of California. Each of the fifty states in our country has a state capital.

The United States has a Capitol building. California does too. It is where state leaders and lawmakers work.



Every state has its own capital city. Every capital city has its own Capitol building. The state lawmakers work there.

California's Capitol building is in a big park.
There are many other buildings around it. The top of the Capitol is shaped like a dome. It looks like a golden crown. Gold was a very important reason that California became a state.

#### Then and Now

#### California's Capital

Monterey used to be the capital of California. This is where the California State Constitution was first written and signed. California became a state in 1850. Sacramento became the capital in 1854 and is still the capital today.

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Colton Hall in Monterey is where the California Constitution was written and signed. It is now a museum. This is Sacramento, California, the state capital.

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#### California **Government Leaders**

The leader of a state is called a governor. Years ago, the governor of California lived in the Governor's Mansion. Today this building is a museum.

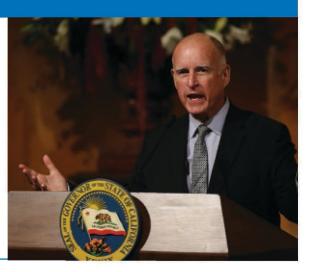
The governor carries out the laws of the state.



This is the Governor's Mansion in Sacramento.

#### **Did You Know?**

Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr. was the thirty-fourth and thirtyninth governor of the state of California. He has served as governor longer than anyone else in our state's history. He is the son of another governor of California, Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Sr.



#### Stop and Check

Talk Explain where the capital of California is. Who is the top leader of the state?

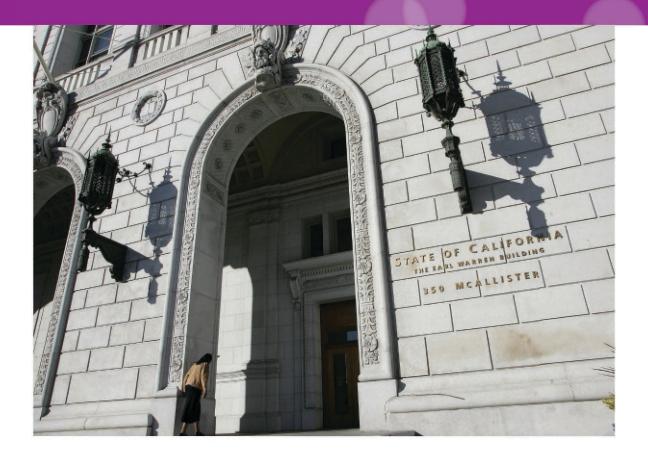
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#### California Lawmakers

California lawmakers work in the state Capitol in Sacramento. Their responsibility is to make laws. They vote on a bill and then give it to the governor. If the governor agrees, the bill becomes a law. Each part of California's state government has different responsibilities.

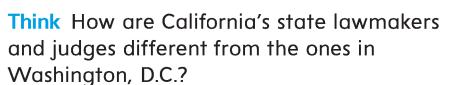




California's Supreme Court judges work in the Supreme Court building in Sacramento. The building is also a library. Judges in this building make decisions about state laws that have been broken. They make sure the decisions follow the California Constitution.

Remember, there is also a United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. Those judges check to see if decisions follow the United States Constitution.

#### Stop and Check





# How Do Citizens and Government Work Together?

### Making Changes for the Better

When citizens work with the government, they do not always need to solve problems. Sometimes they make changes to make something better. These changes can help the community. They can help make it a better place to live.





#### Planting a Community Garden

Let's look at how citizens worked with the government to plant a community garden.

 Citizens and local politicians got together to talk about the empty lot. They wanted to make the empty lot better. They worked.



2. They decided to make the empty lot into a community garden. They made a plan to put the idea into action. They asked for volunteers to help plant a garden. A volunteer is someone who works for no pay.





#### **Did You Know?**

You can find many community gardens throughout California. There is a large one on Main Street in Santa Monica. What would you like to grow in a community garden?



COLLABORATE

#### Stop and Check

Talk Explain the steps the people in this community followed to make their community better. How could you use these steps to make a change in your community?

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### Working with Leaders

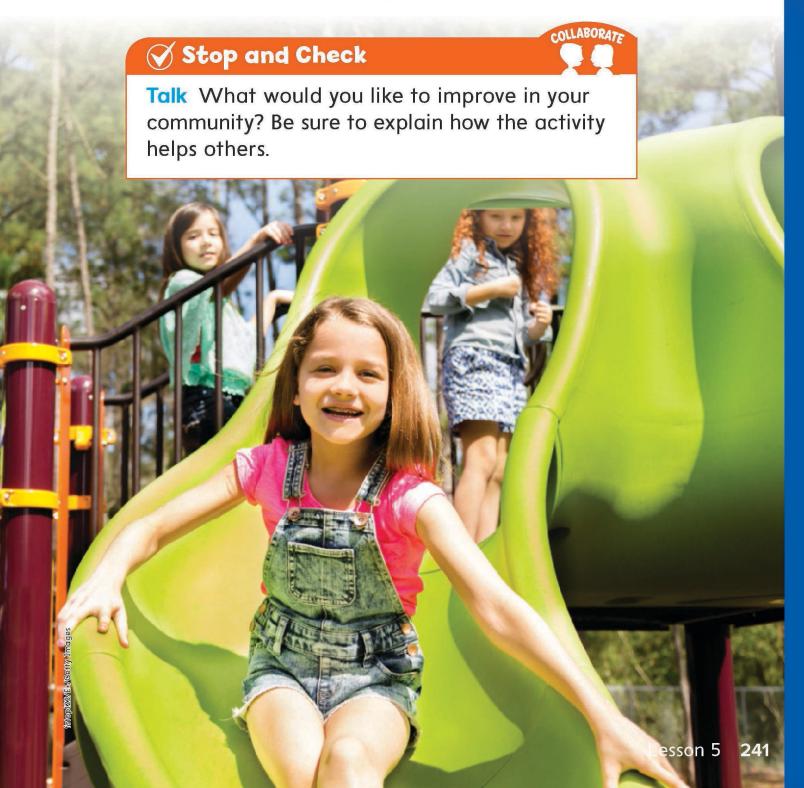
Sometimes when we see that a change needs to be made in our community, we need to take the first step to make that change. Sometimes community leaders don't know that there is a problem in the community until one of its citizens tells them.

Carlos and Ana noticed that their local playground was in need of some repairs. There was only one swing that was working, the slide's steps were broken, and the sandbox had broken glass in it. All of this made it very unsafe for children to play in the park.

Carlos and Ana got a group of their friends together, came up with a plan, and contacted their community leaders to see if they could work with one another to get the park cleaned up.



Today the park in Carlos and Ana's community is clean and safe for children to play in. If they had not come up with a plan and talked to their community leaders, this park may not be the fun place it is today!



## Dolores Huerta

Farming has been important to California for a long time. There are many farm workers in our state.

Dolores Huerta knew the long hours that farm workers faced each day. They got very little money for all that work. She did not think that farm workers were being treated fairly.



Huerta, getting the Presidential Medal of Freedom

Huerta and a former farm worker, named Cesar Chavez, gave speeches. They led marches. They hoped that by doing these things people would learn about the problems that farm workers had. She and Chavez started a group to help protect the farm workers called the United Farm Workers of America.

Huerta has also worked for women's and children's rights. In 2011 she got a special award from the president for all her good work. It is called the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

#### **Stop and Check**



How has Dolores Huerta showed that she is a good citizen?



# How Do Countries Work Together When There Are Problems?

#### Life on Land

The United Nations is a group that is made up of 193 nations, or countries. All of these countries came together and decided they needed some way to make decisions on problems and other important topics together. The United Nations, or UN, has many problems to solve, one of which is the environment. One of the goals of the United Nations is called Life on Land. It means taking care of everything that lives on Earth and making smart choices. By working together countries can protect plants and animals on land.

In 1945 the United Nations was formed to maintain peace and security in the world. Many people died and cities were destroyed during the wars of the twentieth century. A group of countries came together to work to prevent other big wars. They knew what might happen if they didn't cooperate.



#### Work Together Like the United Nations

#### **Problem:**

Pretend that you are a member of the United Nations. You and your classmates have come together to solve a problem.

Look at the picture. Polar bears only live in Canada, Greenland, Norway, the United States, and Russia. Too many polar bears were being hunted and killed each year.

How do you think this problem should be solved? Pretend that you are from one of these countries. What will you do?

> Polar bears need protection like many other animals on Earth.



#### Solution:

In 1965 people from the five countries met to talk about the problem. They made a list of ways to protect polar bears.

In 1973 all five countries signed a law to protect the polar bears. By cooperating, these countries solved the problem. Did their solution match yours? How were they alike and different?

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What Do You Think? Do you think that countries found a good solution when they formed the United Nations? Tell why or why not.

Headquarters of the United Nations

#### **PRIMARY SOURCE**

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# Golda Meir

Golda Meir was a Jewish woman who was born in Russia. When she was eight years old, her family moved to the United States. Golda Meir never forgot about Russia and its people.

When Golda Meir grew up, she decided to help Jewish people all over the world. She met with other Jewish leaders, and together they decided to come up with a plan to go back to Israel, a place where Jewish people lived long ago.

Golda became a great leader. When she was seventy years old, she was the first woman to be elected Prime Minister of Israel.



Golda Meir was Prime Minister of Israel from 1969 to 1974. id Photographs Division, Library of Congress, LC-DIG-ppmsc-03265; (bkgd)KCHL/iStock/Getty Imag

Israel lies in a part of the world that often sees wars. For many years, people have tried to find ways to bring peace to the region.

While she was prime minister, Golda Meir tried to work for peace by meeting and talking to leaders of other nations. She died in 1978.

#### Where in the World?



#### Stop and Check



Think How did Golda Meir work to solve problems?

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In 1919, the International Red Cross was founded. Today the organization works with 187 other countries to help get people the medical care that they need, not just soldiers and those affected by war, but also those who need medical help due to natural disaster. They even teach people health and safety tips to be prepared to help in an emergency.





Think What does the Red Cross help with?

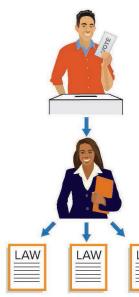




Think about the chapter question, "Why do we need government?"

Talk with a partner about the different parts of government and the jobs that you read about in this chapter. How are the different parts of government the same and different? How do the parts of the government work together? Share your ideas with the class.







#### More to Explore

**How Can You Make an IMPACT?** 

#### Rules. Rules. Rules

Think of a new rule that you need in your community or school. Make an ad or commercial to let others know about your rule. Show or tell why it is important.

#### Rule It

Work with a small group to act out a trial. Show what a judge and jury do. Each member of your group should have a job. Have the jury and judge work together to make a ruling. You could make a ruling about a character in a story you are reading! Act it out for the class.

#### Ask the Mayor!

Imagine that you could interview your mayor. What would you want to know about his or her job? Write some questions that you could ask.





The flag of Switzerland is the inspiration for the Red Cross's emblem.

#### **Helping Others**

In 1881, a nurse named Clara Barton traveled to Europe and heard about an organization started in Switzerland that helped bring medical care to soldiers in need on the battlefield. It was

called the Red Cross. When she came back home to the United States, she worked hard to bring the Red Cross to America. In 1882, the American Red Cross opened its doors.

Clara Barton