



# CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION

## Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) After reading, discuss with your counselor the following documents:
  - A) Declaration of Independence
  - B) Preamble to the Constitution
  - C) Constitution
  - D) Bill of Rights
  - E) Amendments to the Constitution
- 2) Name the three branches of government and explain their functions. Explain the checks and balances on each branch of government
- 3) Outline the relationships between state and federal governments.
- 4) Do ONE of the following, then explain your experiences to your counselor
  - A) Visit the national Capitol
  - B) Visit your state Capitol
  - C) Tour a federal installation
- 5) Name your two senators and the member of Congress from your congressional district. Write a letter to one of these elected officials on a national issue, sharing your view with him or her. Show your letter and any response to your counselor.
- 6) What are five important functions of your national government? Explain how these functions affect your family and local community.
- 7) Discuss the main ways by which the federal government is financed.

## Requirement 1

After reading the following documents, write a brief description about what each document is. Discuss each with your counselor.

Declaration of Independence:

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Preamble to the Constitution:

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Constitution:

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Bill Of Rights:

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Amendments to the Constitution:

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## Requirement 2

Name the three branches of government:

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Explain the checks and balances on each branch





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AFFECT ON COMMUNITY:

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## **Requirement 7**

What are the main ways that the government is financed?

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