



Democracy

Badge Overview



What do you think of when you hear the word “government”? Do you think of the President? The Supreme Court? Congress? All of these are part of the United States government—but your city or town has a government, too. Your city, state, and country government all work together. When you’ve earned this badge, you will know more about how your government works—from your town or city to the whole country.

Badge Components

1. Find out about local government

Your local government is divided into departments based on differing responsibilities.

- Look into 5 of your local government departments. Describe their functions and research what they do.

2. Find out about state government

States are structured like the national government with 3 branches! Draw a map that shows the three branches of your state’s governments and what each branch does.

- After you draw your map, look up three of your state’s symbols and draw a picture of them under your first drawing.

3. Find out about our country’s legislative branch

Watch this Schoolhouse Rock! [video](#) about how a bill becomes a law.

- After you watch the video, can you name each of the steps in this process?
- What happens if the President says no?

4. Find out about our country’s executive branch

For this step, complete this [coloring book](#) where you learn about what the Presidential Seal means.

- When you’re done, you have the chance to create your own seal! What do you want your seal to have on it?

5. Find out about our country’s judicial branch

Complete the following [worksheet](#) that showcases the structure and facts about the Federal Court System.

- You can use this [site](#) to learn more, and there is even a bonus quiz on the bottom of the webpage!

Materials

- Something to write with
- Something to write on
- [Judicial Branch Worksheet](#)

Florida Educational Standards

The content of all Girl Scout national proficiency Badges and Journeys have been correlated by grade level to national and state learning objectives.

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