

**Citizenship in the Nation
Merit Badge**

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Instructions: complete this form, then contact me for an interview. You will need access to an encyclopedia. Get a merit badge card from your Scout Master and bring it and this form with you to the interview. If you need more copies of this form, go to my website.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

1. Documents (Here's a cool website: <http://www.historyplace.com/>)
 - a. Declaration of Independence
 - i. Who wrote it?
 - ii. How many paragraphs does it contain?
 - iii. Write the first seven words here: _____
 - b. Preamble to the Constitution
 - i. How many words are there in the Preamble? _____
 - ii. What is the first word? _____
 - iii. What is the last word? _____
 - iv. Write the first letter of your first name. _____
 - (1) The first letter in my first name is the _____ letter of the alphabet.
 - (2) What is the _____ (same as (1) above) word in the preamble?

 - c. Constitution
 - i. How many Articles are there in the Constitution? _____
 - ii. Write the title of each Article in the space below
 - d. Amendments to the Constitution

- i. How many amendments are there? (Hint: there are more than 10) _____
- ii. The first 10 amendments are sometimes included in a group called _____
- iii. Write the title of each of the first 10 amendments.
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____
 - (4) _____
 - (5) _____
 - (6) _____
 - (7) _____
 - (8) _____
 - (9) _____
 - (10) _____
- iv. Find the 5th Amendment. You'll see that the last word is "compensation." Count backwards 16 words. What word do you see? _____ Now, write that word again plus the next three words. _____
- v. What is the youngest age at which a person is allowed to vote? _____ Find that number (or the matching word) in the amendments and write that amendment number here. _____

2. Government operations

- a. What are the three branches of government?
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
- b. Can the President break the law?
- c. Who punishes the police if they break the law?
- d. How does a person get to be a judge?

3. Dual sovereignty

- a. How many original states were there? _____
- b. How many states are there now? _____
- c. All of the states together are called the _____ States of America.
- d. When did Utah become a state? _____
- e. How does a state get to be a state? _____
- f. Has any state ever left? _____
- g. Who has more power, the Governor of Utah or the President of the United States?

4. Do ONE of the following:

- a. Visit the national Capitol in Washington, DC
- b. Visit the state Capitol in Salt Lake City
- c. Tour a federal installation. Explain your experiences to your counselor.

5. Elected officials.

Every state has two Senators who represent us in Washington. Our Utah Senators are:

Senator Orrin Hatch
131 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5251
E-mail: senator_hatch@hatch.senate.gov

Senator Robert F. Bennett
431 Dirksen Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4403
(202) 224-5444
E-mail: senator@bennett.senate.gov

Each state has a number of representatives. The number is based on the state's population. Utah's population entitles it to three representatives. Each representative represents a portion of the state. This portion is called a DISTRICT.

Go to this website. <http://www.voteutah.org/voter/map.html>.

Which district do you live in? Write the answer here: _____

Go to this website and find the name of the congressman who represents this district.
Write the name here: _____

Write a letter to at least one of these three elected officials on a national issue, sharing your view with him or her. Show your letter and any response to your counselor.

6. Here is a list of some national government agencies. Pick five and tell what each one does.

FBI	Army	Navy	Air Force
Marine Corps	Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Soil Conservation Service	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
National Weather Service	Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF)	Department of Transportation	Environmental Protection Agency
National Park Service	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	Forest Service	Selective Service System

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

7. Many people work for the national government. Every two weeks each of them receives a paycheck. Where does the money come from for all these paychecks?

- a. _____ It comes from thin air.
- b. _____ Its printed at the U.S. Mint.
- c. _____ It comes from taxes that all of us pay.

Letter to Senator or Congressman

Date: _____

To: _____

I am working on my Citizenship in the National Merit Badge. One of the merit badge requirements is to write a letter to you.

I have been concerned or interested about this:

I would like to know what you think about this.

Very truly yours,

My name is: _____

Please write to me at this address:

Letter to Senator or Congressman

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