

Kindergarten Citizenship Resources

New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/>

Symbols of citizenship

Citizenship includes an awareness of the symbols of our nation.

Citizenship includes an understanding of the holidays and celebrations of our nation. Citizenship includes knowledge about and a respect for the flag of the United States of America.

Rights, responsibilities, and roles of citizenship

All children and adults have responsibilities at home, in school, in the classroom, and in the community.

People have responsibilities as members of different groups at different times in their lives.

People making and changing rules and laws

Rules affect children and adults.

People make and changes rules for many reasons.

People making rules that involve consideration of others and provide for the health and safety of all

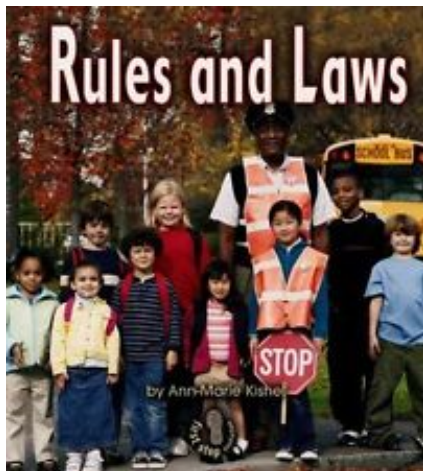
Families develop rules to govern and protect family members.

People in school groups develop rules to govern and protect themselves.

Books:

Rules and Laws by Ann-Marie Kishel (2007)

Simple text and photographs introduce the concept of rules and laws found at home, in school, and in the community and show why it is important to follow the rules and not break the law.

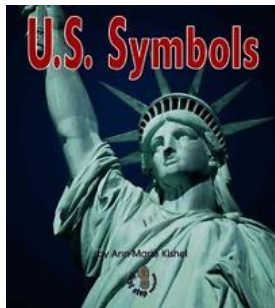


Guided Reading: G

23 Pages

U.S. Symbols by Ann-Marie Kishel (2007)

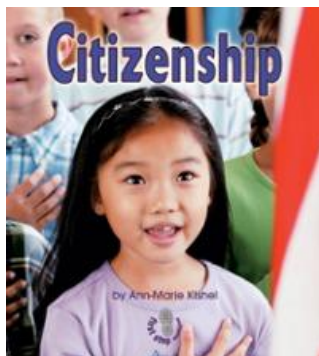
Includes index. Looks at some of the symbols that represent the United States, including the Statue of Liberty, the U.S. Flag, the Liberty Bell, and the national anthem.



Guided Reading: L
23 Pages

Citizenship by Ann-Marie Kishel (2007)

Includes index. Explains what it means to be a citizen, looks at how people become citizens of the United States, and discusses the responsibilities of citizenship.



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23 Pages

The Pledge of Allegiance by Tyler Monroe (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Simple text and full color photographs briefly describe The Pledge of Allegiance and its role as a national symbol.



Guided Reading: L
24 Pages

Citizenship by Janet Riehecky (2005)

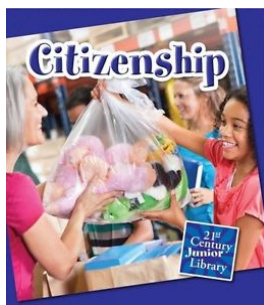
Introduces citizenship through examples of everyday situations such as at school, with friends, and at home, where this character trait can be used.



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Citizenship by Lucia Raatma (2014)

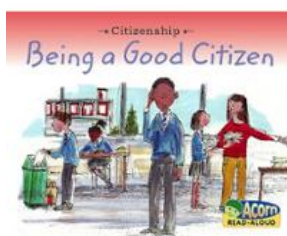
What is citizenship? -- Being a good citizen -- Spreading citizenship. Teaches young learners the importance of being a good citizen by helping out neighbors and other areas of the community, obeying the laws, and learning about voting.



Guided Reading: N
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Being a Good Citizen by Adrian Vigliano (2010)

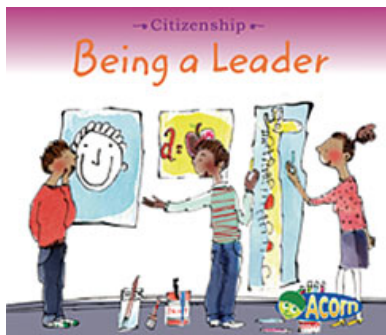
Includes index. What is a citizen? -- At school -- At home -- With friends -- Being a good citizen every day. Illustrations and text teach children the rights and responsibilities associated with being a good citizen.



Guided Reading: K
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Citizenship: Being a Leader by Cassie Mayer (2008)

Includes index.;What is a leader? -- Ways to be a good leader -- Activity. Defines what it means to be a leader and provides examples of ways children show leadership.

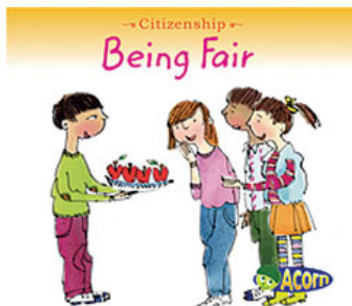


Guided Reading: H

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Citizenship: Being Fair by Cassie Mayer (2008)

Includes index.;What does being fair mean? -- Ways to be fair -- Activity. Defines what it means to be fair and provides examples of ways children act fairly.

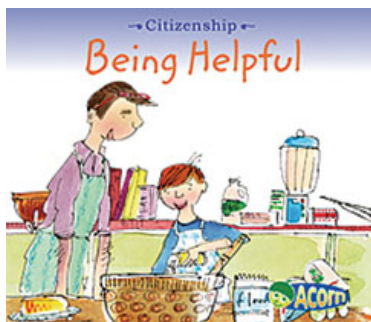


Guided Reading: H

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Citizenship: Being Helpful by Cassie Mayer (2008)

Includes index.;What does being helpful mean? -- Ways to be helpful -- Activity. Defines what it means to be helpful and provides examples of ways children help.

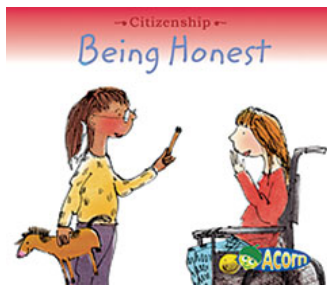


Guided Reading: G

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Citizenship: Being Honest by Cassie Mayer (2008)

Includes index. Defines what it means to be honest and provides examples of ways children are honest.

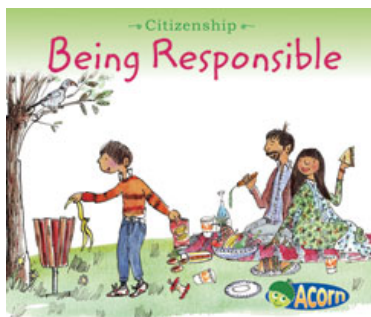


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Citizenship: Being Responsible by Cassie Mayer (2008)

Includes index. What does being responsible mean? -- Ways to be responsible -- Activity. Defines what it means to be responsible and provides examples of ways children act responsibly.

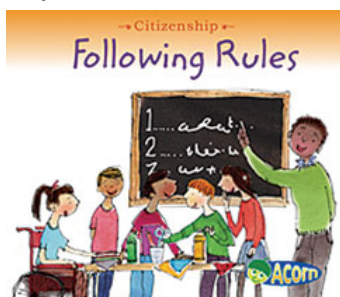


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Citizenship: Following Rules by Cassie Mayer (2008)

Includes index. What does following the rules mean? -- Ways to follow the rules -- Activity -- Picture glossary -- Index. Defines what it means to follow the rules and provides examples of ways children act obediently.

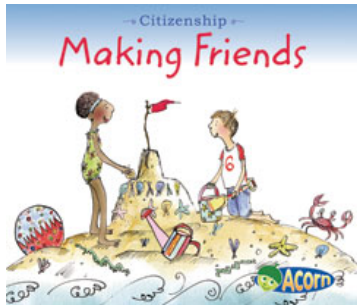


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Citizenship: Making Friends by Cassie Mayer (2008)

Includes index. What is a friend? -- Ways to make friends -- Ways to be a good friend -- Activity -- Picture glossary. Introduces children to the importance of making friends and what it takes to be a good friend to others.



Guided Reading: H
24 Pages

The American Flag by Tyler Monroe (2014)

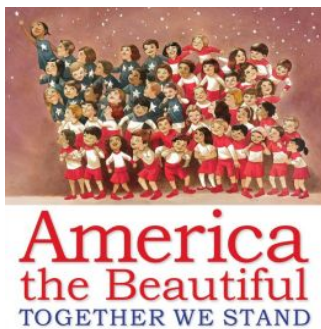
Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Explores the history and symbolism of the American flag.



Guided Reading: M
24 Pages

America the Beautiful: Together We Stand by Katherine Lee Bates (2013)

An illustrated presentation of the complete lyrics of "America the Beautiful" with inspiring presidential quotes, ten national landmarks and symbols, and more.



Guided Reading: R
32 Pages

Digital Resources

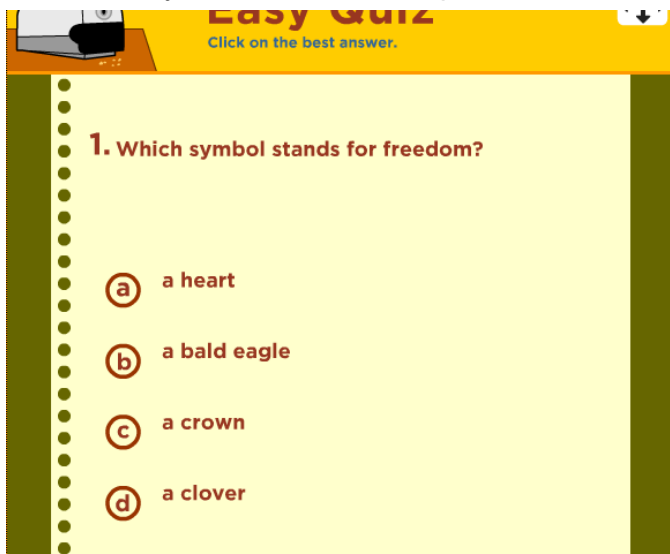
Databases: (To access these databases remotely, ask your librarian for your school's username and password.)

Brainpop Jr.: *Brainpop, Jr. is a database that provides a 3-6 minute video on informational topics followed by a comprehension quiz. The database includes activities and lesson plans as well. It is geared towards grades K-3.*

These videos are offered which align with New York States Social Studies standards for kindergarten:



Two different online quizzes are offered after each video to check for understanding. They are entitled “Easy” and “Hard” with 5 questions each.

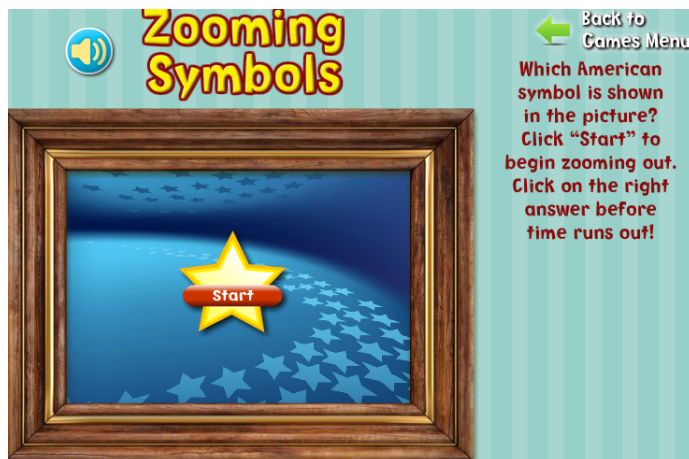


Pebble Go! *Pebble Go is a database that includes non-fiction books, videos and activities online. The target audience for Pebble Go is Kindergarten through 3rd grade, however Pebble Go can be a great way to pique interest in a topic for 4th and 5th graders. Each book is 5 pages long and includes a read-aloud button that highlights each word as it reads aloud. There are often one or two very short videos on the topic embedded within each book.*

Pebble Go's Social Studies Section has a large collection of books on "Being a Good Citizen," which support the New York State Social Studies Standards on Citizenship for Kindergarten. They include titles like the ones pictured below:



Pebble Go also offers a game called "Zooming Symbols" in the Games section of Social Studies:









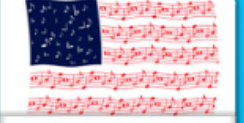



In addition, Pebble Go offers this selection of introductory titles on U.S. Government:

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 U.S. Constitution	 Declaration of Independence	 Democracy	 Voting
 President	 Governor	 Mayor	 Congress
 State Legislature	 City Council	 Courts	 Juries

Pebble Go also offers these titles on U.S. Symbols:

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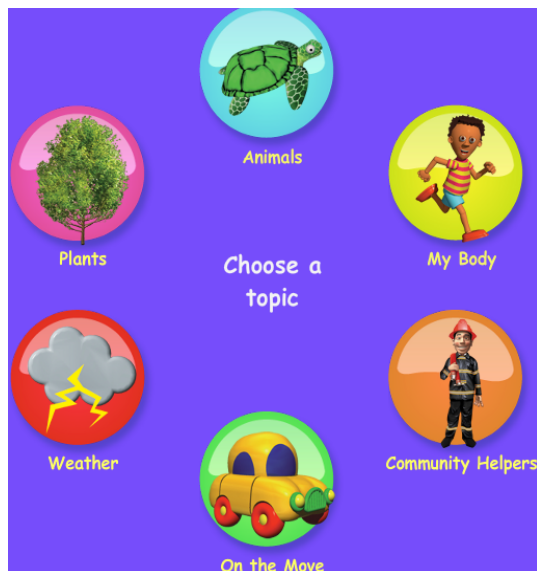
 American Flag	 Bald Eagle	 Great Seal	 Liberty Bell
 Pledge of Allegiance	 Star-Spangled Banner	 Statue of Liberty	 Thomas Jefferson Memorial
 Uncle Sam	 U.S. Capitol	 Washington Monument	 White House

World Book Web:

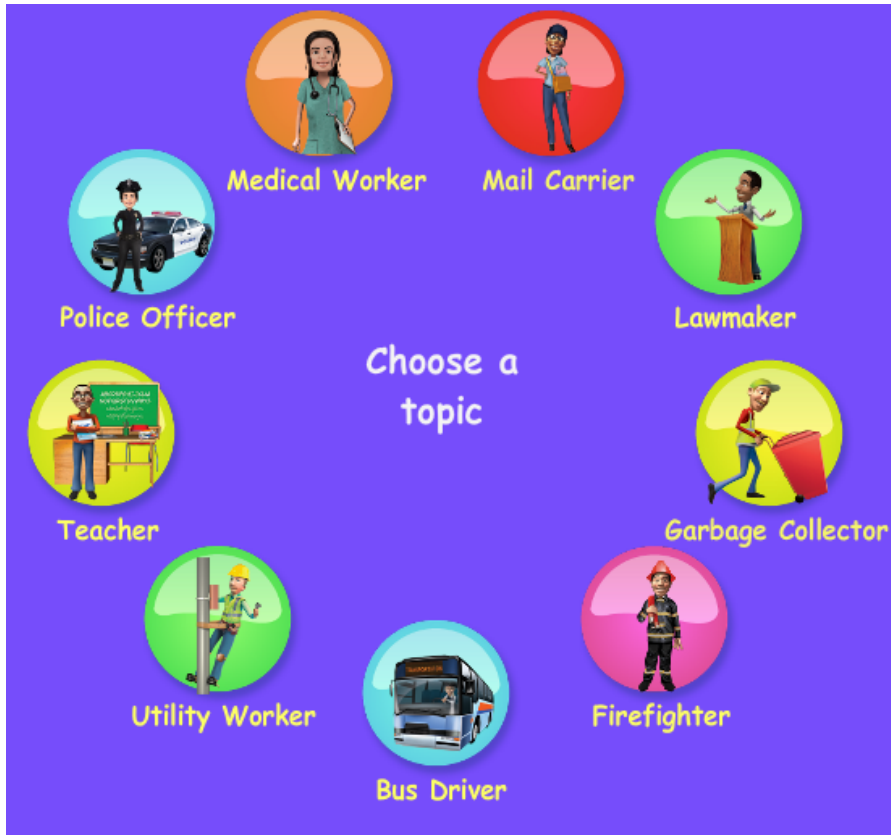
The World Book Web is a suite of online research tools that includes encyclopedia articles, primary source collections, educator tools, student activities, pictures, audio, and video, complemented by current periodicals and related Web sites. All Ithaca elementary school libraries currently subscribe to **World Book Kids**, **World Book Student**, **World Book Discover**, **World Book Timelines** and **World Book Classroom: Early World of Learning**. For specific training in how to use these amazing tools consult Worldbook's training website or ask your school's librarian. <http://www.worldbookonline.com/training/>

The best Kindergarten resources from the above list are in **World Book Classroom: Early World of Learning**. Early World of Learning includes a section on Community Helpers that aligns with Kindergarten's New York State Social Studies standards.

In Early World of Learning first Click on "Know It," then on "Community Helpers." Within Community Helpers there are a number of different options available to you. It is possible for you to create an account in Early World of Learning, set up a classroom, and use quizzes to check your students for understanding. There are built-in quizzes, and you can also design your own.



Students can choose from the following community helpers to learn more.



When you select a subject, there is a paragraph that is read aloud if you click on it. The question marks on the picture all include one fact that are read aloud if you click on them. There is a bonus fact in "It's a Fact!" There are also pictures and videos on the right to supplement the information on the left.



Websites:

Match the Memory:

<http://matchthememory.com/kimbrowning>

Unites States Symbols matching game. Students flip cards with American symbols on them until they match.

Ben's Interactive Games:

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/k-2/games/interactive.html>

Includes connect the dots and coloring pages with American symbols.

10 Ways to Be a Good Citizen

<http://www.sanchezclass.com/goodcitizen.htm>

List of ten ideas on good citizenship that could be used in the classroom.

iPad apps:

American Flag - by Kerrie Gallagher

Cost: \$0.99

Tells the history of the United States Flag and its symbolism. Includes timeline, trivia, and words to the pledge of allegiance and the Star-spangled Banner.

American Symbols - by Kerrie Gallagher

Cost: \$0.99

Students learn to identify major American symbols and landmarks including the Statue of Liberty, the American Flag and the Capitol Building.

USA Facts and Symbols - by TruTouch App Development

Cost: \$1.99

Hundreds of photos illustrate the state symbols. Learn fun facts and symbols about all fifty states and the district of Columbia.

NYC Statue of Liberty - by Museum Planet, LLC

Cost: \$0.99

Museum Planet presents a comprehensive narrated digital tour of the Statue of Liberty.

Washington D.C. - by Italic Labs, LC

Cost: \$2.99

Displays a slideshow of famous American symbols around Washington D.C. including the Lincoln Memorial, the Capitol Building and the Washington Monument.

Washington D.C. - by Kids Discover

Cost: \$3.99

Take a tour of Washington D.C. past and present with 3-D animations of the White House, Capitol Building, and Lincoln Memorial. You'll also enjoy interactive maps of the city, as well as a detailed look at the Declaration of Independence.