

# First Grade Citizenship Resources

New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies

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

## Rights, responsibilities, and roles of citizenship

Students, teachers, and staff are all citizens of the school community and have rights and responsibilities.

## Symbols of citizenship

Citizenship includes knowledge about and respect for the flag of the United States of America, including an understanding about its display and use.

Citizenship includes a pledge of allegiance or loyalty to the United States of America.

## People making and changing rules and laws

People form governments in order to develop rules and laws to govern and protect themselves.

Key terms related to the study of government include: democracy, power, citizenship, nation-state, and justice.

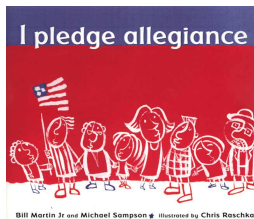
People plan, organize, and make decisions for the common good.

Students can participate in problem solving, decision making, and conflict resolution.

## Books:

*I Pledge Allegiance* by Francis Bellamy; Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson (2004)

Divides the pledge of allegiance into words and phrases in order to define its meaning.

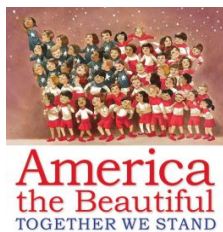


Guided Reading: n/a

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*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.

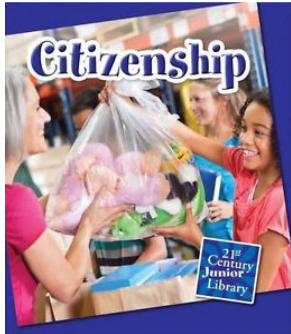


Guided Reading: R

32 Pages

*Citizenship* by Lucia Raatma (2014)

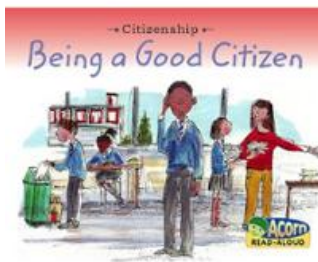
What is citizenship? -- Being a good citizen -- Spreading citizenship. Teaches young learners the importance of being a good citizen by helping out neighbors and other areas of the community, obeying the laws, and learning about voting.



Guided Reading: N  
24 Pages

*Being a Good Citizen* by Adrian Vigliano (2010)

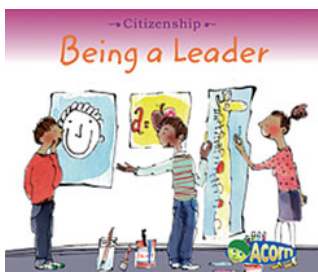
Includes index. What is a citizen? -- At school -- At home -- With friends -- Being a good citizen every day. Illustrations and text teach children the rights and responsibilities associated with being a good citizen.



Guided Reading: K  
24 Pages

*Citizenship: Being a Leader* by Cassie Mayer (2008)

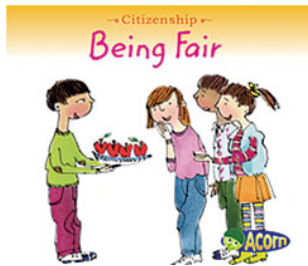
Includes index. What is a leader? -- Ways to be a good leader -- Activity. Defines what it means to be a leader and provides examples of ways children show leadership.



Guided Reading: H  
24 Pages

*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.

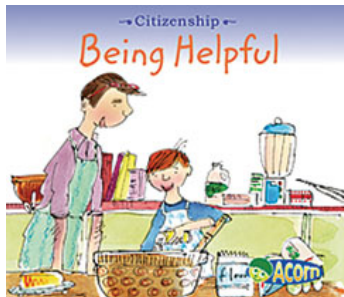


Guided Reading: H

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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.

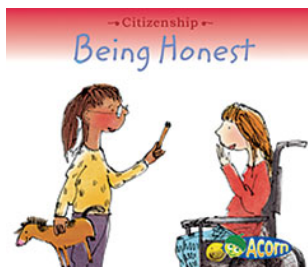


Guided Reading: G

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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.

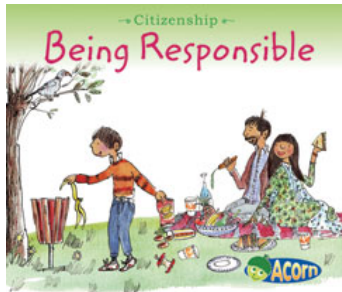


Guided Reading: H

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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.



Guided Reading: H

24 Pages

*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.

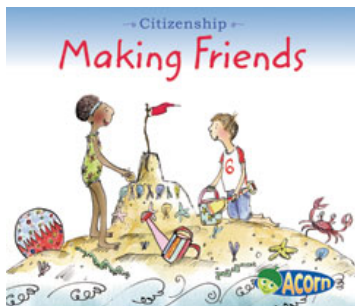


Guided Reading: H

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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

*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.



Guided Reading: L

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

*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.

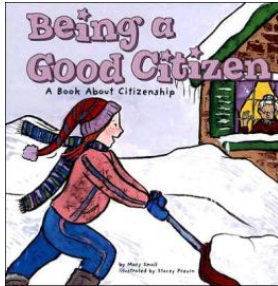


Guided Reading: L

24 Pages

*Being a Good Citizen: A Book About Citizenship* by Mary Small (2006)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 24) and index. Simple text and colorful illustrations present several ways to be a good citizen, such as shoveling a neighbor's sidewalk after it snows, picking up trash from the ground, and studying the history of one's country.

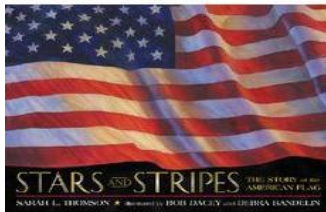


Guided Reading: N

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*Stars and Stripes the Story of the American Flag* by Sarah L. Thomson (2003)

An introduction to the history of the American flag, from colonial times to the present.



Guided Reading: N

32 Pages

*What Are Your Basic Rights* by Jacqueline Gorman (2008)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. The constitution and the Bill of Rights -- The freedoms of Americans -- Limits on the government -- The responsibilities of good citizens -- How you can be a good citizen. Describes some of the freedoms guaranteed to American citizens by the Bill of Rights, and discusses the link between rights and responsibilities.

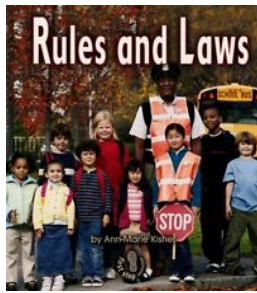


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*Rules and Laws* by Ann-Marie Kishel (2007)

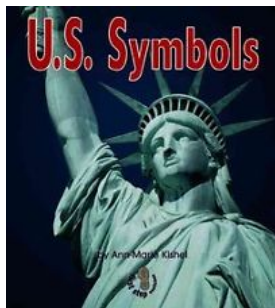
Simple text and photographs introduce the concept of rules and laws found at home, in school, and in the community and show why it is important to follow the rules and not break the law.



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

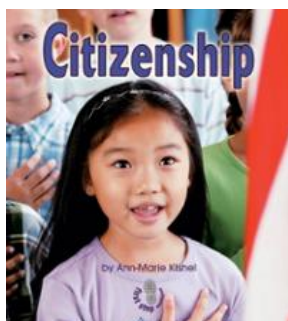
Includes index. Looks at some of the symbols that represent the United States, including the Statue of Liberty, the U.S. Flag, the Liberty Bell, and the national anthem.



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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## Digital Resources

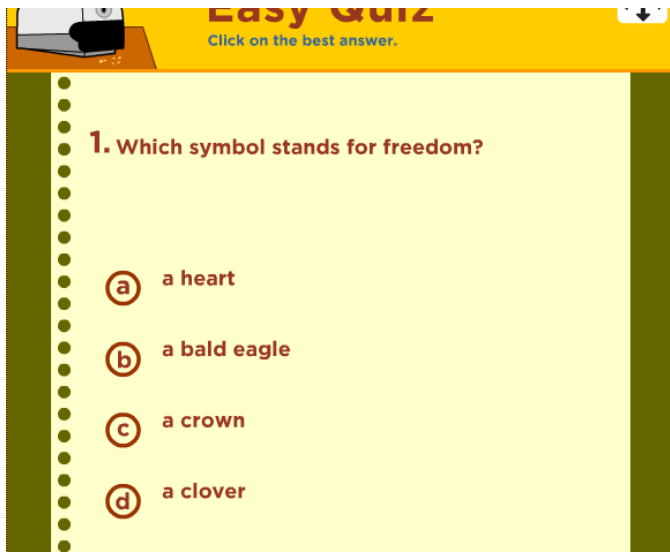
**Databases:** (To access these databases remotely, ask your librarian for your school's username and password.)

**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 first grade:



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



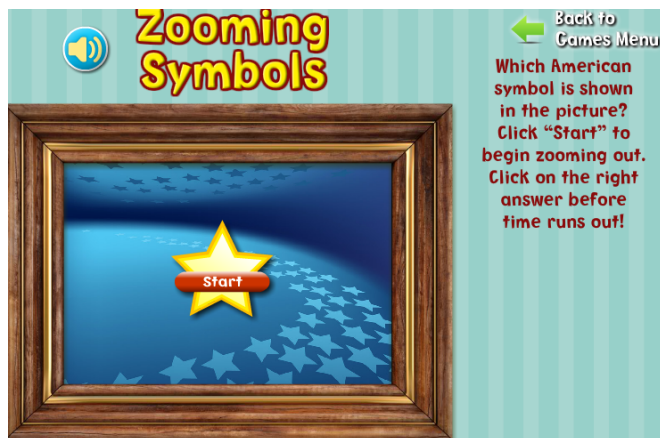


**Pebble Go!** *Pebble Go is a database that includes non-fiction books, videos and activities online. The target audience for Pebble Go is Kindergarten through 3rd grade, however Pebble Go can be a great way to pique interest in a topic for 4th and 5th graders. Each book is 5 pages long and includes 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 1st Grade. 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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 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

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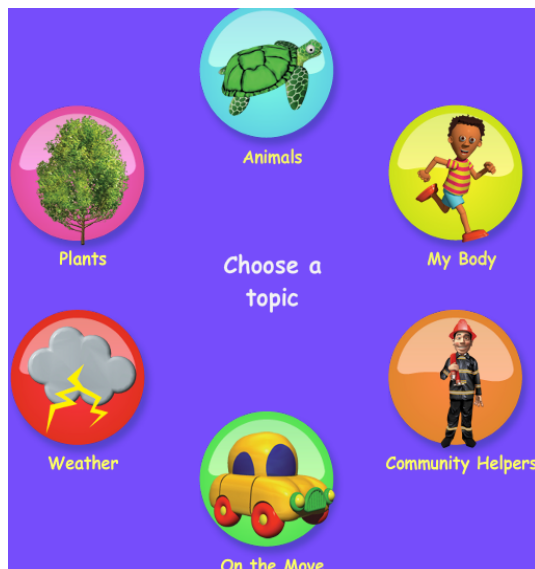
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## World Book Web:

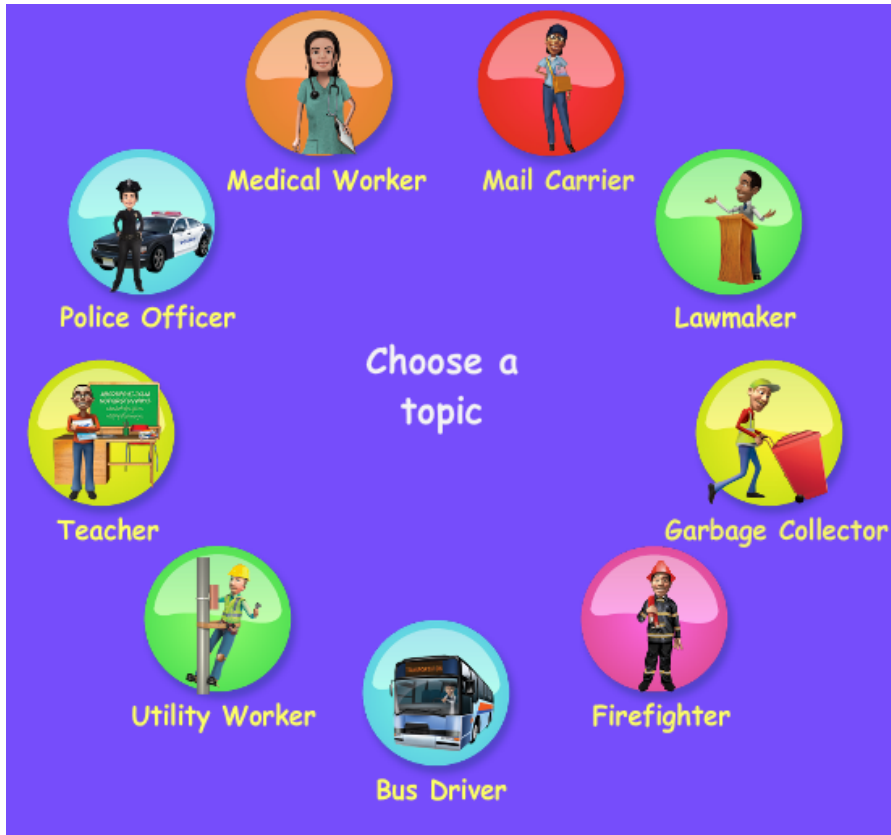
The World Book Web is a suite of online research tools that includes encyclopedia articles, primary source collections, educator tools, student activities, pictures, audio, and video, complemented by current periodicals and related Web sites. All Ithaca elementary school libraries currently subscribe 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 1st Grade 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.

***Symbols of the US Government: Ben's Activity Book***

[http://bensguide.gpo.gov/files/Ben\\_Activity\\_webversion.pdf](http://bensguide.gpo.gov/files/Ben_Activity_webversion.pdf)

A 49 page pdf document with all kinds of activities on United States symbols to choose from. You can choose to use just one page or many.

**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.