

Overview

Students learn about the basic functions of government as part of their social studies or civics curriculum. The primary focus in the early grades is on introducing students to the essential roles and responsibilities of government in a very simplified and age-appropriate manner. It's important to note that these concepts are typically introduced in a simplified way, considering the age and developmental level of young students. As they progress through their education, they will delve deeper into these topics and develop a more comprehensive understanding of the functions and structures of government.

This resource focuses on:

Community Helper Coloring Pages:

K-1 Students need to be introduced to 'community/government helpers'. Discuss with them which ones are government helpers. Let students color the helpers and discuss with them what they do and how they help. Ask students, what would happen without this helper.

Laws and Rules

A simplified approach by making agreed upon rules in the classroom and helping students learn the difference between laws and rules. Discuss the consequences of broken rules vs broken laws.

Top Notch Citizens

Helping students to understand what it takes to be a top notch citizen begins with becoming top notch citizens in the classroom.

Elected Officials:

This is a difficult concept, a few practical activities have been provided to help students understand the concept in a simplified manner with a few worksheets to help.

Protect the Environment

Design a Flag