

Democracy for Daisies



RICHARD NIXON
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

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Welcome to the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, Girl Scout Daisy!

To earn your Democracy for Daisies badge today, you will need to complete the three activities listed on this worksheet with the help of an adult. Good luck and have fun!

Activities

1. Find out about local government.
2. Find out about state government.
3. Find out about national government.

Purpose

When I've earned this badge, I will have learned about the people who work together in my government.



Activity 1: Find out about local government

The people who make the rules in your city or town are called the local government. Even the smallest town has one! Learn more about your local government in this step.

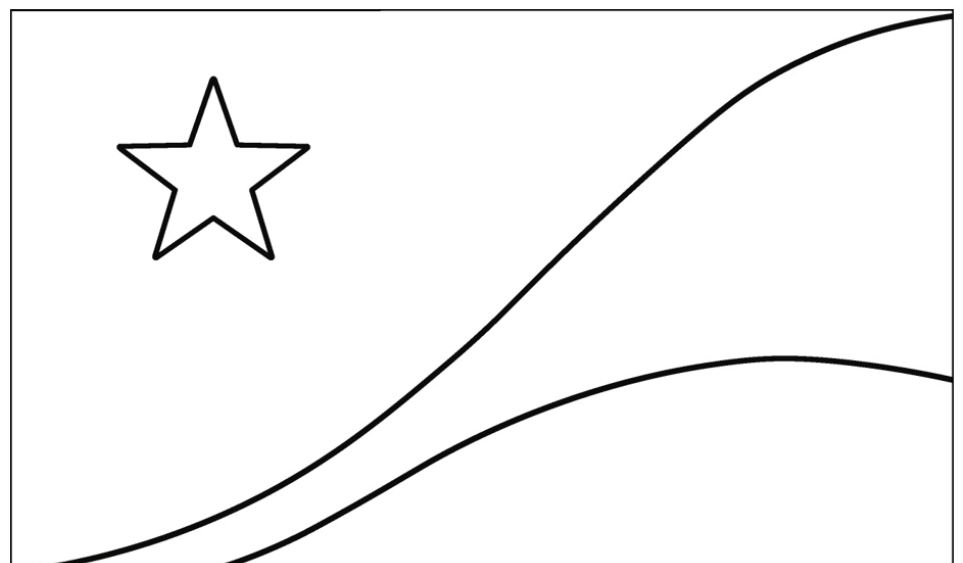
Talk to an expert!

A docent is a member of your community who acts as a guide, usually as a volunteer. These volunteers are subject matter experts who share their knowledge with visitors in history museums, art galleries, and zoos. The Nixon Library has a large docent guild that serves our community by sharing their expertise in the life and times of Richard Nixon. There are docents located throughout the museum. Please feel free to ask them questions!

Richard Nixon was born in Yorba Linda, California. He was born in the house located on the grounds of the Nixon Library. Take time to visit the home and ask the docent questions about Richard Nixon's early life, and local government at that time.

Optional Coloring Activity!

The city of Yorba Linda is in northeastern Orange County, with its own flag and mayor. You can color in the flag at home. Color the star and the bottom wave yellow, color the middle wave white and color the wave behind the star blue.



Words to Know

Citizen: A citizen is a member of a community, state, or country.

Democracy: A democracy is a government run by the people. Each citizen has a vote in how the government is run.

THE WHITE HOUSE



The President makes up the Executive Branch.



The White House is where the President of the United States lives and works.



The White House is located in Washington, DC.

UNITED STATES CAPITOL



Congress makes up the Legislative Branch.



The United States Capitol is the building where the United States Congress meets. It is in Washington, DC.



The Senate and the House of Representatives make up Congress.

Activity 2: Find out about state government

California is one out of 50 states in the United States of America. Just like the federal government, California has a state constitution and three branches of government - like parts of a tree!

- The State Assembly and Senate make up the Legislative Branch.
- The Judicial Branch includes all of the state courts.
- The Governor makes up the Executive Branch.

Richard Nixon served as a United States Representative and Senator from California, making sure that the needs of the people of California were heard all the way in Washington, DC! Go through the museum gallery to learn about President Nixon's time as a Representative and a Senator.



What would you say?

If you were to write a letter to our state governor, what would you like to say? Do you have ideas to share? How would you like to make the community better? Discuss what you would write with your guide.



Words to Know

Constitution: A document that defines the beliefs and laws of a community, state, or country.

Rights: Freedoms or protections guaranteed by the United States government for all citizens.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT



The Supreme Court consists of the Judicial Branch.



The Supreme Court of the United States is the highest court in the country. It is in Washington, DC.



The Supreme Court decides whether laws follow the United States Constitution.



Activity 3: Find out about national government

The government for the whole country is called the national government. The person leading the national government is the President of the United States. People over the age of 18 can vote for the president every four years. A president can be a man or a woman. It doesn't matter where in the United States they live or look like.

A person can be president if:

- They are born a citizen of the United States of America.
- They are at least 35 years old.
- They have lived in the United States for at least 14 years.

Richard Milhous Nixon was the 37th President of the United States, serving from 1969 to 1974.

Visit the Oval Office!

Every president moves into the White House. It is a special house in the capital of the United States, Washington DC. Inside the White House there is a room called the Oval Office where the president works. Have you ever thought that you would like to be president? Visit the Oval Office inside the museum galleries and sit in President Nixon's chair to experience being President!

Words to Know

Law: A rule that is enforced by the government.

Bill: A law that has been proposed to Congress, but has not yet been passed.



First Lady Pat Nixon was a strong supporter of the Girl Scouts. Her support began well before the White House with her daughters Julie and Tricia's participation as active Girl Scouts. Pat served as their troop leader. As Honorary National President of the Girl Scouts of America, Pat welcomed many Girl Scouts into the White House.

President Richard Nixon developed the habit of writing out his thoughts on legal pads. These yellow notepads became a hallmark of Richard Nixon's way of working and thinking. President Nixon was able to focus his thinking through writing. Write out your thoughts below!

Now that I've earned this badge, I can give service by:

- Teaching my family or friends the three rules for who is allowed to be President of the United States.

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I'm inspired to:

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