



Democracy for Juniors



ACTIVITIES

1. Find out about our country's Legislative Branch
2. Find out about our country's Judicial Branch
3. Find out about our country's Executive Branch

When I have earned this badge, I will know more about how my government works—from my town or city to the whole country.

The content of Girl Scout national proficiency badges have been correlated by grade level to national and state learning objectives.

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

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



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Find out about our country's Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch of the Federal Government is made up of courts and judges, and the highest court in the nation, the Supreme Court. When people disagree about whether a law or government action is constitutional, the job of the Judicial Branch is to resolve the issue by interpreting the Constitution.

For a long time, these Justices were all men. That changed in 1981, when the first woman was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan. Her name was Sandra Day O'Connor, and you have something in common with her. She was a Girl Scout too!



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Find out about our country's Executive Branch

The head of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government is the President. Starting at age 18, American citizens can vote for President every four years. The President can be a man or a woman.

A person can be President if they are born a citizen of the United States of America, are at least 35 years old and have lived in the United States for at least 14 years. Richard Nixon was 56 years old when he became President. He was born on January 9, 1913, in Yorba Linda. Visit his birthplace home to learn about his childhood.

Visit President Nixon's Birthplace Home!



The President has the power to sign legislation into law or to veto it. A veto means that, even though Congress voted for the law, the President does not agree. The bill can still become law if two-thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives vote to overturn the veto. This is all part of the balance of powers outlined in the Constitution.

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

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