

Core Skills Analysis

History

- Understood the basic concept of government as a system that organizes people and society.
- Learned about the role and responsibilities of citizens within a community or nation.
- Explored how rules and laws help maintain order and fairness in a society.
- Gained an introduction to the idea of voting or making choices to participate in decision-making.

Tips

To deepen understanding of government and citizenship, encourage your 7-year-old to explore local government structures through a family visit to a city hall or town council meeting. Role-playing activities, such as pretending to be the mayor, judge, or voter, can make abstract concepts tangible and fun. Introduce stories about famous citizens who contributed positively to their communities to inspire thoughtful discussions about responsibility and kindness. Additionally, simple community service projects like helping a neighbor or organizing a small recycling effort can help your child experience citizenship firsthand.

Book Recommendations

- [If I Were President](#) by Catherine Stier: A colorful introduction to the role of the President and the ideas behind leadership and responsibility.
- [Grace for President](#) by Kelly DiPucchio: Engages young readers in understanding elections and civic participation through the story of a girl who wants to be president.
- [What Is the Government?](#) by Adrienne Mason: A simple, straightforward explanation of what government is and why it matters for kids.

Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.2: Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.2.1: Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, and provide a concluding statement or section.
- NCSS Standard: Culture; Time, Continuity, and Change - Understand the principles of government and civic responsibilities.

Try This Next

- Create a simple classroom or home government with roles such as leader, treasurer, and rule-maker to illustrate government functions.
- Write a letter to a local official or community leader expressing an idea or question about helping the community.