

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will learn about the basics of government and citizenship, including what it means to be a citizen and how our government works.

## Materials and Prep

- Pen or pencil
- Blank paper or notebook

No prior knowledge is necessary for this lesson.

## Activities

- Activity 1: Create Your Own Country

Imagine you are starting your own country. Draw a map of your country, name it, and think about what kind of government you would have. Would it be a democracy, a monarchy, or something else? Write a paragraph explaining why you chose that type of government.

- Activity 2: Citizenship Pledge

Write your own citizenship pledge. Think about what it means to be a good citizen and what responsibilities you have as a member of your community. Include promises you will make to yourself and others to be a responsible and helpful citizen.

- Activity 3: Government Leaders

Research and learn about different government leaders, such as the president, prime minister, or mayor. Choose one leader and create a poster or drawing that shows what they do and why they are important.

## Talking Points

- What is government?

"Government is a group of people who make decisions and rules for a community or a country. They help keep things fair and make sure everyone is treated equally."

- What is citizenship?

"Citizenship means being a member of a community or a country. It comes with rights and responsibilities."

- What are some rights of citizens?

"As citizens, we have the right to speak our minds, vote for our leaders, and practice our own religion. We also have the right to be treated fairly and have access to education and healthcare."

- What are some responsibilities of citizens?

"As citizens, we have the responsibility to follow laws, help others, and take care of our environment. We can also participate in our community by volunteering or being a good neighbor."

- Who are government leaders?

"Government leaders are people who are chosen to make decisions and lead our communities or countries. They include the president, prime minister, governor, and mayor."

- What is the role of government leaders?

"Government leaders make important decisions for us, like creating laws and policies. They also represent us and make sure our voices are heard."

- Why is government important?

"Government is important because it helps keep our communities and countries running smoothly. It helps protect our rights and ensures that everyone is treated fairly."