

Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge:

This Merit Badge is Eagle Required

Your Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Date Starting This Merit Badge: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

How to Contact Your Counselor: _____

Note to the Scout and Merit Badge Counselor:

This set of worksheets is meant to facilitate earning this merit badge, but under no circumstances is it meant to be used in lieu of the appropriate BSA merit badge book.

1. After reading, discuss with your counselor the following documents:

- a. () Declaration of Independence
- b. () Preamble to the Constitution
- c. () Constitution
- d. () Bill of Rights
- e. () Amendments to the Constitution

Date completed: _____ Signed by: _____

2. Name the three branches of government and explain their functions. Explain the checks and balances on each branch of government.

3. Outline the relationships between state and federal governments.

4. Do ONE of the following:

- a. Visit the National Capitol.
- b. Visit your state capitol.
- c. Tour a federal installation.

Explain to your experiences to your counselor.

Facility visited: _____ Date visited: _____

5. Name your two senators and the congressman from your congressional district. Write a letter to one of these elected officials on a national issue sharing your view with him or her. Show your letter and any response to your counselor.

Date of letter: _____ Copy of letter and reply attached? _____

6. What are five important functions of your national government? Explain how these functions affect your family and local community.

7. Discuss the main ways by which our federal government is financed.

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In completing all requirements for this merit badge, I have completely read the appropriate BSA merit badge book, and discussed same with my counselor.

signed

date

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