Grade 3 Social Studies Standards

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STANDARD 3.1– Citizenship: Rights and Responsibilities

3.1a. America is a Country of Many People

a. recognize that Americans are people of diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions that are united by the basic principles of a republican form of government and respect for individual rights and freedoms



come from many different backgrounds.

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People in the

United States

speak different languages, celebrate different holidays, and have different traditions.

But even though we are different, we are **united by shared American values**. These include:

- Freedom
- Fairness
- · Respect for others
- · Following the law

Americans are united in a Republic

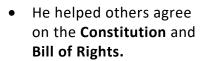
Our government is called a republic.

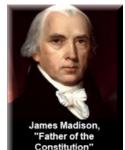
- In a republic, the people elect or choose leaders.
- Citizens elect representatives that make the laws and are responsible to the people who elected them.
- This means that the people are the source of power.

3.1b. The First Amendment: Our Basic Freedoms

b. describe the rights guaranteed to citizens in the First Amendment

A Virginian, James Madison, wanted the new nation to have a written plan for the government.





 People call him the "Father of the Constitution."

The U.S. Constitution is the **written plan** for the government.

- The Constitution called for a national government with three branches.
- The U.S. Constitution unites Americans and the 50 states.

The Bill of Rights, the **first ten amendments** to the U.S. Constitution, describes the **rights** and **freedoms** of citizens.

The First Amendment is part of the Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution. It gives every American these important rights:



- Freedom of Speech You can speak your mind.
- Freedom of Religion You can believe in and practice any religion, or no religion at all.

- Freedom of the Press Newspapers, TV, and websites can share news and opinions.
- Right to Assemble People can meet together peacefully.
- Right to Petition the Government You can ask leaders to make changes.

3.1c. Protecting the Constitution and Bill of Rights

c. understand the importance of supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights;

- The Constitution is our country's written plan for government. It sets up the rules and explains how our leaders are chosen.
- The Bill of Rights is the first 10 amendments (or changes) to the Constitution. It protects our freedoms.
- We show that we care about our country by supporting and defending these important documents.

3.1d. 🌉 Following the Rules and Laws

d. respect and follow local, state, and federal laws

- Good citizens follow local, state, and national laws.
- Rules and laws help keep everyone safe and fair.
- Just like we follow rules in school or at home, adults follow laws in their communities.



3.1e. Toting in Class and Community

e. take part in the voting process when making classroom decisions

- In America, people help make decisions by voting.
- In class, you may vote

- on what game to play or what book to read.
- Voting is how people share their voice and make fair choices.

3.1f. Running for Office

f. run for elected office

- Citizens can also choose to run for office that means trying to become a leader, like a mayor, governor, or president.
- Even students can try being leaders by running for class jobs or the school council.

3.1g. A Serving on a Jury

g. serve on a jury

- A jury is a group of people who help decide if someone broke the law.
- Serving on a jury is an important job for adult citizens.



Jury

3.1h. Paying Taxes

h. pay local, state, and federal taxes

- Citizens pay taxes to the local, state, and national governments.
- TAXES DUE
- Taxes help pay for:
 - Schools
 - Parks
 - Police and firefighters
 - Libraries
 - Roads and bridges

3.1i. Why We Have Rules

i. Describe the purpose of rules

- Rules help everyone know what is okay and what is not okay.
- They help keep us safe, fair, and organized.
- We follow rules in games, in school, and in our communities.

3.1j. Being a Good Digital Citizen



j. understand responsible digital citizenship.

When we use computers, tablets, and the internet, we should:

• Be kind online

- Protect our private information
- Use the internet safely and responsibly

This is called being a **responsible digital** citizen.

What Makes a Good Citizen?

A good (or **responsible**) citizen:

- Follows rules and laws
- Votes and helps make decisions
- Volunteers to help others
- Pays taxes
- Shows respect to others
- Helps their school, community, and country