CIVICS

PAST & PRESENT

STANDARD 1.1   Picture time lines; past and present.

- Past and present times are different.
- Everyday life changes in different places and times.
- The sequence of events can be shown on a time line.

What does a time line show about the past and present?

Time lines show the sequence of events occurring in the past, in the present, or in the future.

Terms to know

Past:
Things that have already happened

Present:
Things that are happening right now

Future:
Things that may happen someday

Community:
A place where people live, work, and play

Change:
Something that happens to make things different

Family:
A group of people who care for one another

Population: (SOL 2.3)
The number of people living in a community

Transportation:
A way of moving people and things from one place to another

STANDARD 2.3   **Changes in community life over time in terms of buildings, jobs, transportation, and population.**

How and why have communities changed over time?

Communities change over time for a variety of reasons.

- The **way people live** today is different from the way people lived long ago.
- **New inventions** have led to changes in buildings, jobs, transportation, and populations of communities over time.

How have schools, communities, transportation, and family life changed over time?

	PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
Schools	**Small** one-room buildings	**Large** buildings with **many rooms**	**Virtual** Schools
Communities	**Smaller** than today, fewer people	**Larger** than in past, **more people**	**Larger, Online**
Transportation	**Walking,** riding **horses**, or riding in **wagons**	Riding in **cars, airplanes, trains**, and space shuttles	**Electric** and **solar** cars
Family Life	**Handmade** clothes, **homemade** games, family vegetable gardens	**Store-bought** clothes, **electronic** games, microwave food	Custom clothes **online**; **Virtual** games

CITIZENSHIP

STANDARD 1.10

Good citizens show a variety of positive traits.

Rules are made so that everyone is treated fairly.

Good citizens help **make decisions** in their classroom by voting when the chance is provided.

What are some traits of good citizens?

Students can demonstrate good citizenship by
- Playing fairly
- Exhibiting good sportsmanship

- Helping others
- Treating others with respect
- Recognizing the purpose of rules
- Practicing self-control
- Working hard in school
- Taking responsibility for one's own actions
- Valuing honesty and truthfulness in oneself and others
- **Participating** in classroom **decision-making**

Why are rules necessary?
- To protect rights of people
- To suggest good behavior
- To keep people safe

Why do people **vote**?
Reasons for **voting**
- To **voice** your self-interest
- To **take part** in the process

STANDARD 2.10 *A good citizen has a variety of responsibilities. What are some responsibilities of a good citizen?*
- Respecting and protecting the **rights** and **property** of others

- Taking part in the **voting** process when making classroom decisions
- Describing actions that can i**mprove** the school and community
- Demonstrating **self-discipline** and **self-reliance**
- Practicing **honesty** and **trustworthiness**

3.11 How do people serve their community, state, and nation?
Some of the ways that people can serve their community, state, and nation include:
- Being a **volunteer**
- Getting i**nvolved** in community projects
- **Serving** as a government official
- Joining the **military**
- **Voting**

GOVERNMENT

STANDARD 1.12 - Communities in Virginia have **local governments**.
Why are local governments important?
- Communities in Virginia have **local governments** that:
  are **elected** by the people
- try to make the community a **better place** to live and work.

STANDARD 3.10 – **Government**
Purpose of rules and laws;
Basic purposes of government are to **make laws, carry out laws,** and decide if laws have been broken;
Government protects the **rights** and **property** of individuals.
Governments protect the rights and property of individuals.

Governments exist at the local (community), state (Virginia), and national (United States) levels.

What is **government**?
Government: A group of people who make rules and laws, carry out rules and laws, and decide if rules and laws have been broken

What are the basic **purposes** of government?
The purpose of government is to make laws, **carry out law**s, and decide if laws have been broken.

The purpose of **rules and laws** is to keep people **safe** and maintain **order**.

Why is government **necessary**?
Governments are necessary because they develop the laws and **protect the rights** and **property** of individuals.

Terms to know
- **Community**: A place where people live, work, and play
- **Rules**: What people must or must not do
- **Laws**: Important rules written and carried out by the government

- **Government**: A group of people who make rules and laws, carry out rules and laws, and decide if rules and laws have been broken

STANDARD 3.1, 3.2   Ancient **Greece** and **Rome** have influenced our **government** (**direct** and **representative democracy**)

What principles of government from ancient Greece and Rome are part of our government?
The Government of the **United States is** based on the ideas developed in ancient **Greece and Rome.**
Greece:
Birthplace of democracy (government by the people); a **direct democracy**
Rome:
Republican (representative) form of government; a representative democracy
Terms to know
Contribution:
The act of **giving or doing** something
Direct democracy:
A government in which **people vote** to make their own rules and laws
Representative democracy:
A government in which people vote for (elect) a **smaller group** of citizens to make their rules and laws for everyone
Republican form of government:
A representative democracy (SOL 3.2)

What are some basic principles commonly held by American citizens?
Some basic principles held by American citizens include **the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness**; and equality under the law.

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are privileges that people are born with and that cannot be taken away.

Equality under the law means that all people are treated fairly.

DIVERSITY

STANDARDS 1.12, 2.12, 3.**Communities in Virginia include people who have diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions, who make contributions to their communities, (SOL 3.12) who are united by the basic principles of a republican form of government and respect for individual rights and freedoms.**

How do people of different ethnic origins, customs, and traditions participate in and contribute to their community?

Communities in Virginia include people of different ethnic origins who come from different places around the world.

Most Virginians make valuable contributions to their communities.

People contribute to their community by practicing the responsibilities of good citizens. (SOL 2.12)

What common principles and traditions unite people as Americans?

People celebrate American holidays and traditions in addition to their own cultural holidays and traditions.

People in our communities are **united as Americans** by **common principles and traditions**, such as celebrating Independence Day (Fourth of July) and pledging allegiance to the flag.

How are people of different ethnic origins and customs united as Americans?

While people in our communities have different ethnic and cultural origins, they are united as Americans **by common principles and traditions.**

People **share** the **principles** of respecting and protecting the rights and property of others, participating in school and community activities, demonstrating self-discipline and self- reliance, and practicing honesty and trustworthiness.

What unites the people of the United States? (SOL 3.2)

The American people come from different ethnic origins and different countries, but are united as Americans by the **basic principles** of a **republican form of government,** including **individual rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness**; and **equality under the law.**

What are some benefits of diversity in the United States?

Benefits of diversity
- Food
- Clothing
- Music