



Citizenship in the Nation

Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

1. **Directions:** **Before the workshop**, locate the link to "Eisenhower and Citizenship" on the same webpage where you located this worksheet. Click on "Quotations" to view 19 Eisenhower quotations on citizenship. Click on "Speeches" to view 11 Eisenhower speech excerpts, discussing citizenship. Once you have reviewed the questions below, select some of the quotations and speech excerpts to read. Look for answers to the questions below, highlighting or underline sentences in the list of quotations and in the speeches that help you fill in the blanks.

a. Explain what citizenship in the nation means _____

b. and what it takes to be a good citizen of this country. _____

c. Discuss the rights, _____

d. duties, _____

e. and obligations of a responsible and active American citizen. _____

2. **Directions:** When you come to the Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum to attend the "Citizenship in the Nation" Merit Badge workshop, you will receive a guided tour of the archives in order to complete **(c) tour of a federal facility**. You will also tour the boyhood home. You may tour the museum, chapel, and visitors center on your own or with your counselor or parents.

Before the workshop: To fulfill the requirement to **(d) investigate a national monument**, you will complete the online activity described below *before* the "Citizenship in the Nation" workshop. Learn about the proposed Eisenhower National Memorial at www.eisenhowermemorial.org. It is still in the planning stage, but you can learn a great deal about the newest presidential

Choose one of the issues _____

and explain how it affects you and your family. _____

4. Discuss each of the following documents with your counselor. Tell your counselor how you feel life in the United States might be different without each one.

Before the workshop: Visit the National Archives online at <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration.html>. At the top of the page is a menu, where you may click on the documents listed below. For each, you may view a scanned version of the original document, you may read the transcript (you may wish to print a copy of the transcript), and there are links to learn more about each of these documents that we call our "Charters of Freedom." We will explore these documents further at the workshop.

(a) Declaration of Independence _____

(b) Preamble to the Constitution _____

(c) The Constitution _____

(d) Bill of Rights

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____

(e) Amendments to the Constitution _____

5. Before the workshop: List the six functions of government as noted in the preamble to the Constitution above.

Function **Discuss with your counselor how these functions affect your family and local community.**

- (1) _____

- (2) _____

- (3) _____

- (4) _____

- (5) _____

- (6) _____

6. Before the workshop: Locate the link to "Eisenhower Speeches of National Historical Importance" on the same webpage where you located this worksheet. You may choose one of the seven Eisenhower speeches to complete this activity.

Find out about Dwight D. Eisenhower by locating the link to "About Dwight D. Eisenhower," on the webpage. Write what you learn below and tell your counselor about Eisenhower. _____

Explain the importance of the speech at the time it was given, _____

and tell how it applies to American citizens today. _____

Choose a sentence or two from the speech that has significant meaning to you, _____

and tell your counselor why. _____

7. The United States Constitution establishes three branches of national (central or federal) government, reflecting the concept of "Separation of Powers." Further, "Checks and Balances" are intended to prevent any one branch from accumulating too much power. You are welcome to work on this portion of the worksheet before the workshop if you like. We will address it in much more detail during the workshop.

Branch: _____

Function: _____

Citizen Involvement: _____

Importance of Checks & Balances: _____

Branch: _____

Function: _____

Citizen Involvement: _____

Importance of Checks & Balances: _____

Branch: _____

Function: _____

Citizen Involvement: _____

Importance of Checks & Balances: _____

8. Name your two senators _____

and the member of Congress from your congressional district. _____

Before the workshop: Locate the link to "Letters to President Eisenhower" on the same webpage where you located this worksheet. Read as many of these letters to and from the President (or his staff). Write a letter about a national issue to your representative or one of your senators, sharing your view with him or her. **Include your return address on your letter**, so that your representative or senator can reply to your letter. We will send your letters in one package.

Online Resources (Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)

Boy Scouts of America: ► scouting.org ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ► [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) ► [Safe Swim Defense](#)
 ► [Scout](#) ► [Tenderfoot](#) ► [Second Class](#) ► [First Class](#) ► [Rank Videos](#) ► [Safety Afloat](#)
 Boy Scout Merit Badge Workbooks: usscouts.org -or- meritbadge.org Merit Badge Books: www.scoutstuff.org

Requirement Resources

- 1: Citizenship: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citizenship>
 Rights: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_nationality_law#Rights_of_citizens
 Duties: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duty> Jury Duty: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jury_duty
 Obligations (Responsibilities): http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_nationality_law#Responsibilities_of_citizens
- 2a: Find National Historic Landmarks: <http://tps.cr.nps.gov/nhl/default.cfm>
 Find local places listed in the National Register of Historic Places: <http://www.nr.nps.gov/>
- 2c: Your local post office is a federal facility. To find their address and phone number to arrange a tour:
<http://www.usps.com/locator/welcome.htm?from=home&page=0060locatepo>
- 2d: List of National Monuments: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_National_Monuments_of_the_United_States
- 3: Links to major daily newspaper websites: <http://www.newspaperlinks.com/voyager.cfm>
- 4a: Declaration of Independence: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence
- 4b: Preamble to the Constitution: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preamble_to_the_United_States_Constitution
- 4c: The Constitution: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Constitution
 The U. S. Constitution Online: <http://www.usconstitution.net>
- 4d: Bill of Rights: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Bill_of_Rights
- 4e: Amendments to the Constitution: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_amendments_to_the_United_States_Constitution
- 5: Six functions of government from the first six articles: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Constitution
- 6: Famous speeches: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Famous_speeches
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gettysburg_Address http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I_have_a_dream
 Presidential Speeches: <http://comm.tamu.edu/pres/speech.html>
- 7: Branches of Government: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Branches_of_government#United_States:_three_branches
- 8: Citizenship in the Nation MB Pamphlet, page 41: "You can write a letter online or send a letter by mail."
 Write a letter online to your Senator or Congressman: <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>
 U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov> U.S. Senate: <http://www.senate.gov>

General Resources

National Archives and Records Administration: http://www.Archives.gov	Democratic National Committee: http://www.democrats.org
American Civil Liberties Union: http://www.aclu.org	GovSpot: http://www.govspot.com
FirstGov: http://www.firstgov.gov	National Constitution Center: http://www.constitutioncenter.org
League of Women Voters: http://www.lwv.org	Republican National Committee: http://www.rnc.org
National Park Service: http://www.nps.gov	U.S. Census Bureau: http://www.census.gov
Thomas: http://thomas.loc.gov	U.S. Supreme Court: http://www.supremecourtus.gov
U.S. Government Printing Office: http://www.gpoaccess.gov	The White House: http://www.whitehouse.gov