

Citizenship in the Nation 2022 Prerequisites

Prerequisites:

- #1: Know what the Constitution is and the principles it reflects.
- #2: Be able to list the six functions of government and explain how these functions affect your family and local community.
- #3: Name the three branches of our federal government and explain their functions. Explain how citizens are involved in each branch. For each branch of government, explain the importance of the system of checks and balances.
- #5: Watch the national evening news for five days in a row or read the main stories in a national media organization (e.g., a newspaper or news website) for five days in a row.
- #7: One of the following:
 - 7b: Tour your state capital building or the U.S. Capitol. Tell your counselor what you learned about the Capitol function, and the history.
 - 7c. Tour a federal facility. Explain to your counselor what you saw there and what you learned about its function in the local community and how it serves the nation.
 - 7d. Choose a national monument that interests you. Using books, brochures, the internet, and other resources, find out more about the monument. Tell your counselor what you learned, and explain why the monument is important to this country's citizens. (We suggest a visit to the statue of Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass at Susan B. Anthony Square or the statue of Frederick Douglass located at the corner of Robinson Drive and South Avenue of Highland Park).
- #8: Be able to name your elected government officials at the national level and bring a copy of a letter sent to one of said officials about an issue of concern. If a reply was received, share that too!

The following requirements will be completed at the Anthony Museum:

- #4: Discuss each of the following documents and tell how you feel life in the United States would be different without each one:
 - a. Declaration of Independence
 - b. Preamble to the Constitution
 - c. The Constitution
 - d. Bill of Rights
 - e. Amendments to the Constitution
- #6: Read Susan B. Anthony's 1873 speech. Explain the importance of the speech at the time that it was given. Tell how the speech applies to American citizens today. Choose a sentence or two from the speech that has significant meaning to you and explain why.
- #7a: Visit a place that is listed as a National Historic Landmark or that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Tell your counselor what you learned about the landmark or site and what you found interesting about it.