



# CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD

## Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Explain what citizenship in the world means to you and what you think it takes to be a good world citizen.
- 2) Explain how one becomes a citizen in the United States, and explain the rights, duties, and obligations of U.S. citizenship. Discuss the similarities and differences between the rights, duties, and obligations of U.S. citizens and the citizens of two other countries.
- 3) Do the following:
  - A) Pick a current world event. In relation to this current event, discuss with your counselor how a country's national interest and its relationship with other countries might affect areas such as its security, its economy, its values, and the health of its citizens.
  - B) Select a foreign country and discuss with your counselor how its geography, natural resources, and climate influence its economy and its global partnerships with other countries.
- 4) Do TWO of the following:
  - A) Explain international law and how it differs from national law. Explain the role of international law and how international law can be used as a tool for conflict resolution.
  - B) Using resources such as major daily newspapers, the Internet (with your parent's permission), and news magazines, observe a current issue that involves international trade, foreign exchange, balance of payments, tariffs, and free trade. Explain what you have learned. Include in your discussion an explanation of why countries must cooperate in order for world trade and global competition to thrive.
  - C) Select TWO of the following organizations and describe their role in the world.
    - 1) The United Nations
    - 2) The World Court
    - 3) World Organization of the Scout Movement
    - 4) The World Health Organization
    - 5) Amnesty International
    - 6) The International Committee of the Red Cross
    - 7) CARE
- 5) Do the following:
  - A) Discuss the differences between constitutional and nonconstitutional governments.
  - B) Name at least five different types of governments currently in power in the world.
  - C) Show on a world map countries that use each of these five different forms of government.
- 6) Do the following:
  - A) Explain how a government is represented abroad and how the United States government is accredited to international organizations.
  - B) Describe the roles of the following in the conduct of foreign relations.
    - 1) Ambassador
    - 2) Consul
    - 3) Bureau of International Information Programs
    - 4) Agency for International Development
    - 5) United States and Foreign Commercial Service
  - C) Explain the purpose of a passport and visa for international travel.
- 7) Do TWO of the following (with your parent's permission) and share with your counselor what you have learned:
  - A) Visit the Web site of the U.S. State Department. Learn more about an issue you find interesting that is discussed on this Web site.
  - B) Visit the Web site of an international news organization or foreign government, OR examine a foreign newspaper available at our local library, bookstore, or newsstand. Find a news story about a human right realized in the United States that is not recognized in another country.
  - C) Visit with a student or Scout from another country and discuss the typical values, holidays, ethnic foods, and traditions practiced or enjoyed there.
  - D) Attend a world Scout jamboree.
  - E) Participate in or attend an international event in your area, such as an ethnic festival, concert or play.

**Requirement 1**

What does citizenship in the world mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you think it takes to be a good world citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Requirement 2**

How does one become a citizen in the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

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What rights, duties, and obligations does citizenship in the United States entail? \_\_\_\_\_

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How are the rights, duties, and obligations of U.S. citizenship similar to the way citizenship is experienced in two other countries?

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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How are the rights, duties, and obligations of U.S. citizenship different to the way citizenship is experienced in two other countries?

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Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Requirement 3**

Pick a current world event. In relation to this current event, discuss how a country's national interest and its relationship with other countries might affect areas such as its security, its economy, its values, and the health of its citizens. \_\_\_\_\_

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Select a foreign country and discuss how its geography, natural resources, and climate influence its economy and its global partnerships with other countries. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Requirement 4**

You have been given three options for this requirement. Select and complete TWO of them.

If you selected *Option A*:

Explain international law: \_\_\_\_\_

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How does international law differ from national law? \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain the role of international law: \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain how international law can be used as a tool for conflict resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

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Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you selected **Option B**:

Using resources such as major daily newspapers, the Internet (with your parent's permission), and news magazines, observe a current issue that involves international trade, foreign exchange, balance of payments, tariffs, and free trade. Explain what you have learned:

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Give an explanation of why countries must cooperate in order for world trade and global competition to thrive: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you selected **Option C**:

Select 2 of the following organizations and describe their role in the world.

- 1) The United Nations
- 2) The World Court
- 3) World Organization of the Scout Movement
- 4) The World Health Organization
- 5) Amnesty International
- 6) The International Committee of the Red Cross
- 7) CARE

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Role in the World: \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Role in the World: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Requirement 5

Discuss the differences between constitutional and nonconstitutional governments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name at least five different types of governments currently in power in the world.

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Government: \_\_\_\_\_

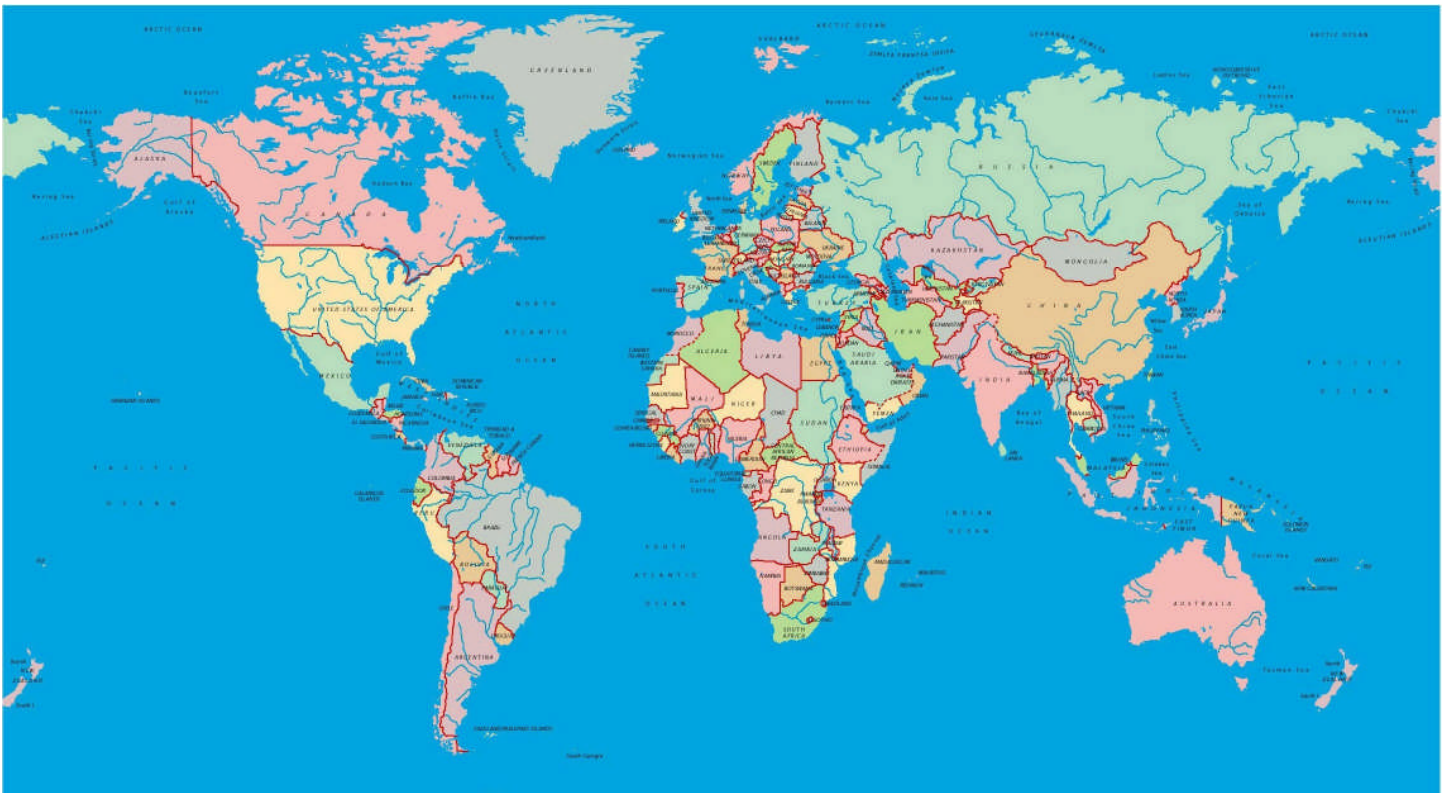
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Show on a world map countries that use each of these five different forms of government:



**Requirement 6**

Explain how a government is represented abroad and how the United States government is accredited to international organizations:

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Describe the roles of the following in the conduct of foreign relations:

Ambassador: \_\_\_\_\_

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Consul: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bureau of International Information Programs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Agency for International Development: \_\_\_\_\_

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United States and Foreign Commercial Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain the purpose of a passport and visa for international travel: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Requirement 7**

You have been given five options for this requirement. Select and complete TWO of them.

If you selected *Option A*:

Visit the Web site of the U.S. State Department. Learn more about an issue you find interesting that is discussed on this Web site. Give a brief summary of the issue and what you learned: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you selected *Option B*:

Visit the Web site of an international news organization or foreign government, OR examine a foreign newspaper available at your local library, bookstore, or newsstand. Find a news story about a human right realized in the United States that is not recognized in another country. Give a brief summary of what you found: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you selected *Option C*:

Visit with a student or Scout from another country and discuss the typical values, holidays, ethnic foods, and traditions practiced or enjoyed there. Give a brief summary of what you learned: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you selected *Option D*:

Attend a world Scout jamboree. Give a brief summary of the experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you selected *Option E*:

Participate in or attend an international event in your area, such as an ethnic festival, concert, or play. Give a brief summary of your experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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