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What is a government?
A government is a group of people who lead a country, state or city.

Government

The United States Constitution explains how our government works. It gives the government many powers, like the power to protect our rights and keep us safe. It also says those powers have limits. For example, the government cannot force people to worship a certain way.

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Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards: SS.2.A.1.1: Examine primary and secondary sources. SS.2.C.1.1: Explain why people form governments. SS.2.C.1.2: Explain the consequences of an absence of rules and laws. SS.2.C.2.1: Identify what it means to be a United States citizen either by birth or by naturalization. SS.2.C.2.4: Identify ways citizens can make a positive contribution in their community. SS.2.C.3.1: Identify the constitution as the document, which establishes the structure, function, powers and limits of American government.

Government



The president is the leader of our country. The governor is the leader of Florida. The mayor is the leader of your city or town. Senators and representatives make laws.



Most people who live in our country are U.S. citizens. Some people who live in our country are immigrants. Many immigrants hope to become U.S. citizens someday.

Why do people form governments? Governments provide many services for citizens. The government helps pay for roads and parks. It helps pay for schools and libraries in communities. It helps pay for firefighters and police officers to protect citizens. Do you know any other services the government provides?

Governments make laws, decide if the laws are fair and make sure people obey the laws. Laws help keep us safe. Laws help make sure everyone is treated fairly. If we didn't have laws, many things would not run smoothly. There would be no consequences for people who steal things or hurt people.



How do people become citizens? If you are born in the United States, you are a U.S. citizen. If your parents are citizens, you are a citizen no matter where you were born.



Immigrants can become citizens by naturalization. Naturalization is all of the things immigrants must do to become citizens. They have to fill out many forms. They have to pass a test about U.S. history and government. They must promise to obey the laws and be loyal to the United States.

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Crossword Puzzle



Name _____

WORD BANK

- government
- president
- governor
- mayor
- laws
- citizen

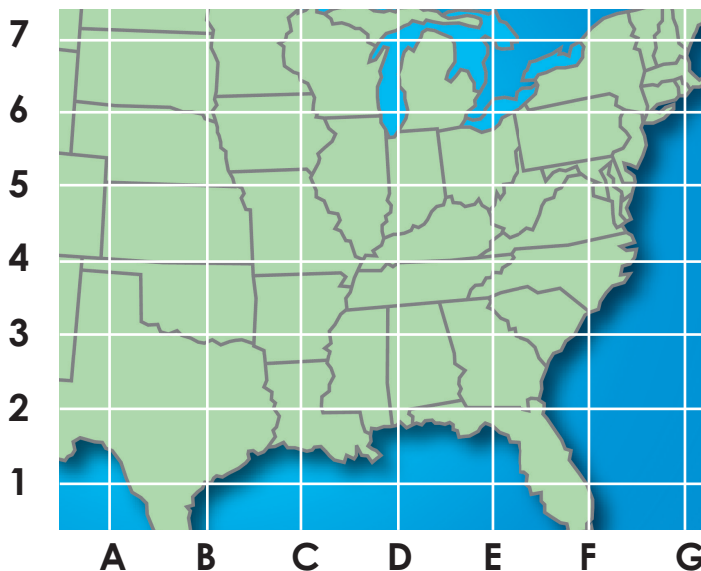
ACROSS:

2. The _____ is the leader of a state.
4. If you are born in the U.S., you are a U.S. _____.
5. Governments make _____.
6. A _____ is a group of people who lead a country, state or city.

DOWN:

1. The _____ is the leader of our country.
3. The _____ is the leader of a city or town.

Washington, D.C. is the capital of our country. On this map, Washington, D.C. is located at F-5. To find Washington, D.C., put your finger on line F at the bottom. Slide our finger up until you reach line 5. Write an X where the two lines meet. That's where Washington, D.C. is on this map!



Read the article about naturalization on Page 3 again. Explain naturalization in your own words.
