



Democracy for Cadette, Senior and Ambassador

Pillar: Civic Engagement

Outcomes: When you've earned this badge, you will have expanded your knowledge about how your local, state, and national government works.



These are new badges released this year from GSUSA. These steps are meant to be a basis for building background knowledge so that we add progression as you become familiar with the content. If you are ready for more, see the Democracy for Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Extensions! There you can begin your progression!

Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors will follow these steps to earn their badge:

1. Find out about local government. (Discover, Connect)
 - a. Who is your Mayor? What does she/he do? How and when is one elected? How could they be removed?
 - b. Who is on your City Council? Find out who your representative is. How and when are they elected? How could one be removed?
 - c. Find out when they meet and attend a city council meeting.
2. Find out about state government. (Discover, Connect)
 - a. Who is your Governor? What does she/he do? What city is he or she from? How and when is the Governor elected? How can a Governor be removed?
 - b. Find out who your Representatives are. Who is your House Representative? Who is your Senate Representative? What do they each do? How and when are they elected? How could they be removed?
 - c. Know where your Capital is. Plan a visit to learn more about your State and State Government. Here is a video tour of the Kansas Capitol: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJRbi-jsz74> and here is a video tour of the Missouri Capitol: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJXGx2y2znk>
3. Find out about the federal legislative branch. Start here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hltv8-nzcUc> (Discover, Connect)
 - a. Who is your state House Representative? What is their primary job? How and when are they elected? How could one be removed? Begin here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcMNHXCVisA>
 - b. Who are your state Senators? What is their primary job? How and when are they elected? How could one be removed? Begin here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrcdZRL3lY>
 - c. Who oversees the House of Representatives? Who oversees the Senate?
4. Find out about the federal executive branch. Start here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWR2p9j9hWo> (Discover, Connect)
 - a. Name the U.S. presidents in order. These videos can help: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mt8xwp5TDAU>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uxhzO2xab8>, and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cj-q2VNa89c>. What is the President's primary job as stated in the U.S. Constitution? How is the president elected? How long is the term? How could a president be removed? These videos can help: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDoI-fYOxB0>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PS6BLJuHvY8> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6X28byZZbl>. Learn about Executive Orders here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyOf3g-PJ94>
 - b. Who is the Vice President? What is the Vice President's job? How is the Vice President chosen? How could one be removed? Begin here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCsj8YVJxBY> and here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cXIsb9710Y>



- c. Who makes up the President’s Cabinet? How does someone get a job in it? How can they be removed? Begin here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oier528TrE>
5. Find out about the federal judicial branch. Start here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9giPmCWnepU> (Discover, Connect)
 - a. What is the Supreme Court and what do they do? How and who appoints a judge and for how long? How could one be removed? Begin by watching this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xnzGSV66x4>
 - b. Who are the current Supreme Court Justices? Where are they from? What are their views? Learn about their history of votes as a part of the court.
 - c. How does a case get to the Supreme Court?

More to learn!! Here are general videos that can help you get started with an understanding of how our US government works:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buOOuyWFtZU> US Gov in 5 min
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuFR5XBYLfu> ted-ed video about how power is divided
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mt5K4ZK0ILY&list=PLS8GrWV4H2awDFyOPDmSVjjUWiiQSWkeH> three branches of Gov. rap

When you’re finished: Congratulations, you have earned your badge! You can purchase in person or online. Get started at www.gsksmo.org/shop.

You can also purchase your Girl Scout Virtual main patch and bars through our online store or in person. Begin your shopping experience at www.gsksmo.org/shop

No shipping charges apply at this time.

