

Civics Education Explained

Key Concepts

What is civics and why is civics education important?

- **Civics** is the study of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a society. It helps us understand how our government works and how we can be engaged participants within our communities.
- **Civics** teaches us the foundations of our democracy, our rights, and our responsibilities. By learning about how the government works, we can make informed decisions about the issues that matter to us the most. Civics also teaches important skills in critical thinking, media literacy, perspective taking, and leadership that can be applied to any career.



Reflection Activity

What do you already know about civics and the foundations of our government?

List three civics topics you know well (i.e. the three branches of government).

Then, write down three civics topics you would like to learn more about (i.e. the election process).

Topics I know well

Topics that I would like to learn

1.

1.

2.

2.

3.

3.

What do you hope to gain from your civics education?

Why is it important to be an **informed and engaged** member of society?

Extension Activity

Explore the iCivics games (www.icivics.org/games) and identify three resources that align with your learning interests.