

X. CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Social studies teachers should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of Civic Ideals and Practices.

Learner Expectations

The study of civic ideals and practices prepares learners for full participation in society and is a central purpose of the social studies. Examining civic ideals and practices across time and in diverse societies prepares learners to close the gap between present practices and the ideals upon which our democratic republic is based. Learners confront such questions as: What is civic participation and how can I be involved? How has the meaning of citizenship evolved? What is the balance between rights and responsibilities? What is the role of the citizen in the community, in the nation, and in the world community? How can I make a positive difference?

INSTRUCTIONS

1. List the courses you have taken (and final grade earned) that you feel have addressed this standard.

Course #	Course Name	Instructor	Grade	Ck

2. Check (ck) above the one course that best enabled you to understand the concepts in this standard.
 - Attach a graded work sample from this class.
 - Attach a syllabus from this class. Highlight where the work sample appears in the syllabus.
 - Note that you can use one course for more than one standard; however, you can only use your graded work sample once.
3. Write a 150-200 words essay (typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point font) that addresses the questions listed below.
 - a. Why did you choose this particular course as your example? (Demonstrate that you understand the content and concepts contained in the standard. Show clearly how the course relates to the standard.)
 - b. How does your work sample show that you understand this standard? (Demonstrate the sample's relationship to the standard.)