



Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities

Students use knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in order to examine and evaluate civic ideals and to participate in community life and the American democratic system.

In the Ohio Academic Content Standards, benchmarks are key checkpoints that monitor progress toward academic content standards and are identified by grade-level clusters or bands (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-10, 11-12). For each standard we include the benchmarks for the grade-level clusters of K-2 and 3-5 that best align with each book.

Benchmarks:

By the end of the K-2 program:

- A. Describe the results of cooperation in group settings and demonstrate the necessary skills.
- B. Demonstrate personal accountability, including making choices and taking responsibility for personal actions.

By the end of the 3-5 program:

- A. Explain how citizens take part in civic life in order to promote the common good.
- B. Identify rights and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States that are important for preserving democratic government.

Amazing Grace

Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch (1991). Scholastic Inc.

Grace loves stories and often acts them out, giving herself the most important parts. When her school puts on the play "Peter Pan," Grace naturally wants to play Peter, but is told by a classmate that she "can't" because "He isn't black." Supported by her family, Grace tries for the lead anyway and is so good that her classmates overwhelmingly vote to give her the part. Grace learns the value of believing in yourself and that anything can be done if you "put your mind to it."

K-2 A,B

American Symbols: The White House

Lynda Sorensen (1994). The Rourke Book Inc.

This book walks through the main parts of the White House. The book also discusses key vocabulary words. The book explains why the White House has become a symbol of liberty to the nation's citizens.

K-2 A,B

3-5 A, B

The American Wei

Marion H. Pomernac (1998). Albert Whitman and Co. DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan, illustrator.

The American Wei is a story about a little boy and his parents who are becoming citizens of the United States through a process called naturalization. On the way to the ceremony the little boy loses his tooth on the sidewalk. Finally, the tooth is found and the ceremony takes place. The family takes the "Oath of Allegiance" and then says the "Pledge of Allegiance, and the ceremony ends with singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

K-2 B

3-5 A, B

Being Danny's Dog

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (1997). Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing.

Ten-year-old T.R. and his brother, twelve-year-old Danny, move to Rose Mary Acres with their mother. They find new friends, as well as many community rules to follow.

3-5 A, B

The Bus Ride that Changed Everything: The Story of Rosa Parks

Pamela Duncan Edwards, Danny Shanahan (2005). Houghton Mifflin.

This is an introduction to Rosa Parks' life in Alabama when it was a "Jim Crow" state with strict rules segregating people by race. The small sketches of several children help to illustrate and clarify the text. The repetition of "...because

one woman was brave” underscores Rosa Parks’ impact as a part of the Civil Rights Movement.

3-5 A, B

Chicken Sunday

Patricia Polacco (1992). Philomel Books.

The author tells the story of her special neighbors, Stewart and Winston, and their grandmother, Eula Mae Walker. Eula Mae Walker tells the children how much she loves a special Easter bonnet. The story ends as Mr. Kadinski wraps the bonnet for Miss Eula, and Miss Eula cries with happiness over the children's thoughtfulness.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A

The Day Gogo Went to Vote

Eleanor Batezat Sisulu (1996). Little, Brown, and Company. Sharon Wilson, illustrator.

Thembi and Gogo are very close. Gogo never leaves the house, so it is a big surprise to Thembi and her family when Gogo tells them that she will vote in the upcoming election. This will be the first time black people have been permitted to vote in South Africa. When the big day comes, Thembi and her grandmother ride to the voting place in their neighbor's big car, and Gogo proudly casts her ballot. A grand celebration follows to honor the township's oldest voter.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

A Day's Work.

Eve Bunting, Ronald Himler (1994). Clarion Books.

A newly immigrated Mexican grandfather finds work at a daily labor pick-up station in Los Angeles with the help of his young grandson. Francisco, the grandson, sees a truck driven by a man looking for a gardener. He tells the man that his grandfather is a fine gardener, although this is not true. That day Francisco and his grandfather are trusted to work alone. Out of ignorance, they do everything wrong. When the employer returns and is angry, the grandfather discovers Francisco's lie. He then volunteers the services of both the next day to make things right in the garden.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A

The Declaration of Independence

Sam Fink (2000). Scholastic Inc.

This nonfiction book contains the full text of the Declaration of Independence accompanied by witty illustrations. The book also contains a 1748-1776 events chronology, a glossary, and a list of recommended online and print resources.

3-5 A, B

Granddaddy's Gift

Margaree King Mitchell (2003). Troll Communications LLC. Larry Johnson, illustrator.

Little Joe and her brother and sisters live with their grandparents in Mississippi. One night grandpa takes the children to a meeting that is about blacks trying to vote and about the segregation laws. He volunteers to go to town the next day and register to vote. It was very dangerous for them to stand up for their rights, but he decides to do it anyway. After they arrive, Grandpa finds out that he has to take a test on the Mississippi Constitution. While a lawyer helps him, many people get mad and won't let him buy things from their stores. Some of Little Joe's friends aren't allowed to play with her. Grandpa passes the test. When Little Joe turns 18 she registers to vote, and all she had to do is fill out a card. Her Grandpa even goes with her.

K-2 A,B

3-5 A, B

Jamaica Louise James

Amy Hest (1997). Candlewick.

Jamaica Louise James is a spunky girl who lives in New York City with her grammy and her mama. When she receives a real paint set for her birthday she gets a brilliant idea – she decides to brighten the tile walls of the subway station where her grammy works. Her idea results in more than making her grammy happy – people in the subway begin talking to each other, and some even smile! Her efforts are rewarded with a plaque bearing her name, hung on the subway wall.

K-2 A,B

3-5 A, B

Labor Day

Mir Tamim Ansary (2001). Heinemann.

This book describes the days before Labor Day and why we as a nation decided that it was time to honor our workers. This book also teaches key terms such as labor unions, goods, trade, and honor.

K-2 A,B

Lady In The Box

Ann McGovern (1997). Turtle Books.

Confronted each day with the presence of a lady living in a box in their neighborhood, two children – Lizzie and Bed – decide to help. They sneak Dorrie food, blankets and clothes from their home. However, they soon find out that their mother can not be fooled, so they share their secret with her. She also begins to help and teaches the children another way to help the homeless – by working in a soup kitchen. Through the process of reaching out to a homeless

person, they learn the value of sharing and begin to grasp the essence of community.

K-2 A,B

3-5 A, B

Marvin Redpost Class President

Louis Sachar and Amy Wummer (2002). Random House Publications.

Marvin and his third grade class all come to school in clothes with holes to celebrate “hole day.” They are shocked to learn that on this particular day they will be welcoming a surprise guest – the President of the United States. Despite his attire, Marvin is able to impress the President and learn about citizenship along the way.

3-5 A, B

Miss Rumphius

Barbara Cooney (1982). Viking Press.

Young Alice tells her grandfather she wants to be just like him when she grows up. She tells him she wants to travel to faraway places and then live by the sea when she grows old. He tells her there is a third thing she must do--she must do something to make the world more beautiful. When Alice grows up, she travels the world and eventually settles down at a house by the sea, and she is “almost perfectly happy.” When Alice, who is now known as Miss Rumphius, discovers in the spring the beauty of the lupines she planted the previous year, she decides to plant more with the help of the wind and the birds.

K-2 A,B

3-5 A, B

More Than Anything Else

Marie Bradby, Chris Soentpiet, (1995). Orchard Books.

This book gives tribute to Booker T. Washington as it chronicles his early years. As a young boy, in 1865, Booker must work hard in the nearby salt mines. Though his muscles ache and his stomach is often empty, the real pain he feels is in his head. More than anything else, he wants to learn to read. It is a lofty goal by the standards of those around him, but, with the help of a local newspaperman, he sees his chance to achieve his dream.

K-2 A,B

3-5 A, B

Mr. Lincoln’s Way

Patricia Polacco (2001). Penguin Young Reader’s Group.

Mr. Lincoln is “the coolest principal in the whole world.” Mean Gene, the school bully is the only one who does not like him. When Mr. Lincoln discovers that Eugene knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance.

K-2 A,B

3-5 A, B

Old Henry.

Joan Blos, Stephen Gammel (1987). Mulberry.

Henry's neighbors are scandalized that he ignores them and lets his property get run down; until they drive him away and find that they miss him. This books helps children understand that we should not quickly judge someone just because they are different.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

Peter's Place

Sally Grindley (1996). Harcourt Brace. Michael Foreman, illustrator.

Peter plays on the shores by his home everyday, exploring and enjoying the wide variety of life that thrives there. One day an oil tanker crashes nearby and spills its load into the sea, almost destroying Peter's special place. Peter and many others help clean and scrub in an effort to rescue the habitat. The fragile aspect of nature is taught along with the value of working together to help make a difference.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

President's Day

Mir Tamim Ansary (2002). Heinemann.

This is a book that gives great details on how President's Day began, why we honor our presidents, and other national facts about our presidents. The book also tells about different exciting stories about certain presidents.

K-2 A,B

Rainbow Fish

Marcus Pfister (1992). North-South Books.

The rainbow fish, with his shimmering scales, is the most beautiful fish in the ocean. He is proud and vain and none of the other fish want to be his friends – until he learns to give away some of his most prized possessions.

K-2 A,B

A Rose for Abby

Donna Guthrie (1988). Abingdon Press.

Abby does a series of good deeds to help a homeless lady; she leaves some gloves in a paper bag in the trash for the homeless lady to find. Abby leaves a hat band for her; Abby even asks her father to feed all the hungry people on her street at his church. Citizens in the community volunteer to help cook, donate bowls and silverware, and one man at the local market donates to Abby some vegetables.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

Roses are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink

Diane De Groat (1997). Morrow Junior Books.

This book teaches students in the younger grades about rules and values. Because he thinks Margaret and Lewis have been mean to him, Gilbert writes a mean poem on each one's Valentine and then signs the other's name. Soon, Margaret and Lewis figure out that Gilbert is responsible. When no one will play with Gilbert as recess, he regrets his actions, and he and his friends are able to resolve their problem.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

School Rules

Larry Dane Brimmer (2002). Scholastic Inc. Christine Tripp, illustrator.

Mrs. Toddle's class was not listening very well. Three children decide to help the classroom by coming up with rules to help everyone get along. They discuss the problems and solutions with their classmates until they come up with a decision about how they want to treat each other.

K-2 A,B

Thanksgiving on Plymouth Plantation

Diane Stanley, Joanna Cotler (2004).

This story about two children who go to see their grandmother for Thanksgiving as they dress up in old family member's clothing and travel back in time. The children are able to see what it was like to be a pilgrim and how Thanksgiving came to be.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

That's Not Fair, Hare!

Julie Sykes, Tim Warnes (2001). Barron's Educational Series.

A greedy hare insists on eating more than his share of the cabbages. He proposes a race to decide who shall have them all, while Muggs the turtle only wants what is fair.

K-2 A,B

A Tree That Would Not Die

Ellen Levine (1995). Scholastic Inc.

This is the story of a tree that has lived more than 500 years and some of the dramatic events the tree has witnessed. This tree is given the name "Treaty Oak" for it was said the First People and Stephen Austin made peace beneath its branches. One night a stranger poisons this tree. The community must work together in an effort to save the tree.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

A Very Important Day

Maggie Rugg Herold, Catherine Stock (illustrator) (1995). Harper Collins Publishers.

With this book young readers can explore the concepts of rights, privileges, and civic participation. On a snowy morning in New York City, families from many countries prepare for a very important event. Not until they arrive at the courthouse downtown does the reader find out that someone in each family is becoming a naturalized citizen on that day. Pride and a sense of celebration mark this very important day.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

Veterans Day

Mir Tamim Ansary (1999). Reed Educational & Professional Publishing.

This book teaches readers all about what a veteran is, why we honor them, and what we did before Veteran's Day. This book also discusses the different wars that our veterans have participated in.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

Vote!

Eileen Christelow (2003). Clarion Books, Grades 3-5

This book explains voting by using fictional characters that are running for office and following them through the campaign process to election day. Easy to read with pictures that are engaging, the reader is informed of the details of the entire election procedure. A timeline and glossary of key terms is also included.

3-5 A, B

The Wall

Eve Bunting (1990). Houghton Mifflin Company.

This is the story of a little boy and his father. They have come from far away to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather. Other visitors pass by, searching for the names of their loved ones. Finally, the father's fingers stop moving along the wall. "Here he is," he says. This book deals with the impact of the Vietnam War and its consequences.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

Why Do We Have Rules?

Caroline Arnold, Ginger Giles (1983). Scholastic Library Publishing.

Why Do We Have Rules explains the reasons we need rules within a society. The book provides a brief discussion about our how our government was created and how officials are elected.

K-2 A,B

3-5 A, B

Young Abraham Lincoln...Log Cabin President

Andrew Woods (1992). Troll Communications.

This book explores the life of Abraham Lincoln and what his life was like as he grew up. Abraham found himself interested in law and reading about the law every chance he got. Lincoln eventually became president in 1861.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

Young George Washington Americas First President

Andrew Woods (1992). Troll Communications.

The story of George Washington's life is told. This book talks about the games he played, his birthday celebrations, the farm he lived on, and how he became a leader and eventually the first president.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B

Zinnia and Dot

Lisa Campbell Ernst (1992). Viking Press.

Zinnia and Dot should be friends. They sit in the same henhouse day after day and fight over whose eggs are better. One day a weasel steals their eggs, leaving them only one. After fighting over whose it is, who gets to sit on it first, and who it will look like when it is born, a new crisis forces them to recognize the value of cooperation.

K-2 A,B 3-5 A, B