

KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL STUDIES

Students should be able to:

Foundations of Social Studies: Children as Citizens

- Identify the location of his or her home, school, neighborhood, and city or town on a map
- Illustrate the features of his or her home, school, and neighborhood by creating maps, models and drawings
- Identify his or her personal connections to places, including home, school, neighborhood, and city and or town
- Recognize natural features of his or her environment, e.g., mountains and bodies of water
- Explain the purpose of rules and laws and the consequences of breaking them
- Summarize the roles of authority figures in a child's life, including those of parents and teachers
- Identify authority figures in the school and community who enforce rules and laws that keep people safe, including crossing guards, bus drivers, fire fighters, and police officers
- Explain how following rules and obeying authority figures reflect qualities of good citizenship, including honesty, responsibility, respect, fairness, and patriotism
- Recognize the importance of symbols of the United States that represent its democratic values, including the American flag, the bald eagle, the Statue of Liberty, the United States Capitol, the Declaration of Independence, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Lincoln Memorial

Amelia Bedelia's Family Album

Web Sites:

- Children's Books – www.cbcbooks.org
- National Geographic – www.nationalgeographic.com
- Public Broadcast System (PBS) – www.pbs.org
- Primary Games – www.primarygames.com
- United States Mint – www.usmint.gov
- Weekly Reader – www.weeklyreader.com
- Scholastic – www.scholastic.com/cliffordbebig/teachers/lesson-plan-09.htm
- History of the American Flag – www.usflag.org/history/pledgeofallegiance.html
- Lessons for Teaching Citizenship – www.goodcharacter.com/pp/citizenship.html