



CIVIC ACTION & ENGAGEMENT CHOICE BOARD 1

Have fun with civics! All activities relate to the OAV Core Principles you see below. Feel free to share your learning with us on Facebook or Twitter @OurAmVoice.

1	Name three ways people are currently acting for the common good as citizens.	Answer the question: Should my freedom let me go to the beach or should my responsibility keep me home? Why?	Send a message of thanks to someone who is working for the common good.
2	Create a preamble that would introduce your own personal constitution defining the rules that govern your life.	Investigate one thing each branch of the federal government is doing during the worldwide health crisis.	Do a primary source search and find three speeches throughout history given during challenging times.
3	Select an American symbol and describe, in words or pictures, the meaning it has for you.	Call or start a video chat with your grandparent and ask if they have ever experienced a similar time of crisis in their life. How did they get through it?	List one small thing you could do to make a positive impact on your home, school, or neighborhood.
4	Make a list of one action each level of government is doing during the worldwide health crisis.	On Congress.gov investigate one of the top ten most viewed pieces of legislation. Write an email to a senator or your representative about it.	Brainstorm ideas on how to have an election if it's not safe to go to polling places. Share your plan with your local representative.

Core Principle 1: Core Principle 1: Citizenship is a way of life, not a singular event.

- Citizenship is more than voting during elections.
- Citizens participate in democracy when they exercise their rights and responsibilities through everyday relationships in their homes and communities.

Core Principle 3: The success of the individual and the community are interdependent: "E Pluribus Unum".

- Citizens need to consider the impact and potential consequences of their decisions and actions or inactions on others.
- If individual rights abridge those of the community or vice versa, there is a breakdown in our social compact.
- Communities of engaged citizens provide support for one another.

Core Principle 2: With our rights and freedoms come responsibilities.

- Our rights and freedoms can be found in our core documents.
- Our rights and freedoms have evolved over time.
- For every right there is a corollary responsibility.

Core Principle 4: The informed participation of the people shapes and sustains our democracy.

- Because citizens have the power to make changes at all levels of government, it is critical for them to know and understand our history and system of government.
- Informed citizens access and evaluate information effectively.
- Active citizens communicate and coordinate with other citizens and elected officials.