



CIVIC ACTION & ENGAGEMENT CHOICE BOARD 2

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	Make a handwashing video or explain how keeping 6 feet away can save other people.	Talk to your parents about how they and your grandparents have been engaged citizens. If they are from a different country, talk about how things are similar and different.	Select a song that makes you feel better when you are sad or lonely and share it with a friend.
2	Select one amendment to the U.S. Constitution and describe why it is important to you.	Explore ideas using the first amendment. How does freedom of speech, press and assembly look today? Give real examples from American life now.	Describe, in words or a picture, a system of checks and balances used in your family or with your friends.
3	Help your parents with a chore and share a picture of you doing it.	Be a Good News reporter: create a newsroom at home and report on the positive actions going on in your community these past weeks.	Create Certificates of Appreciation for your local fire and police officers and send them along with personal messages.
4	Find out which five presidents in U.S. history won the electoral college vote even though they lost the popular election.	Come up with a new political party that speaks to issues currently affecting you. Create the following for your party: party name, party slogan, 3 ideas to promote for the party platform.	Investigate the position of each of the two main political parties on an issue and create a political cartoon about one or both.

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.