

7th Grade Civics Summer Assignment

Attached you will find the civics summer learning materials for 7th graders at Bak Middle School of the Arts. Please preview the information contained within these links so that you are familiar with background knowledge needed to understand civics. If any of this information prompts you to read or research further, that is encouraged. No written work needs to be completed, or turned in, for these assignments.

Civics is a challenging course with an End of Course exam at the end of the year that will make up 30% of the overall grade for the year.

We welcome you to 7th grade and look forward to an exciting year of exploring our nation's founding documents and political system.

Sincerely,
Bak Middle School Social Studies Department

1. Brain Pop- Democracy and Time Zone X game

Watch the Democracy video and then play the Time Zone X game. This video will help to connect what you learned in World History to what you will be learning next year in Civics.

<https://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/usgovernment/democracy/>

Brain Pop is also accessible through the district portal. To find the Democracy video, go to the Social Studies tile, then the U.S. Government tile. You are encouraged to explore other topics in the U.S. Government section.

2. Forms of Government- Singing History Teachers - The Types of Government

You have explored how governments are organized in World History. In Civics, we will focus on how the U.S. government is organized compared to the governments of other countries.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyTbyn7npOc>

3. 13 colonies - Flowcabulary video

You should have a basic understanding of the American colonies and the Revolutionary War from your study in elementary school. This video gives a basic understanding of how and why the colonies were founded.

<https://www.flocabulary.com/unit/colonial-america/>

4. Crash Course Government and Politics-Introduction to Government and Politics

This video is a good introduction to what you will be learning in civics class.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7UxpQ>