

# Social Studies \* \* \* \* \* Summer Choice Board

During the summer complete each activity in the box. You may print this out and write a check in the box  once you have finished the activity. The goal is to complete the entire choice board before summer is over.

<h2>Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Graders</h2>	<p align="center"><b>United States Government</b></p> <p><b>What is the government?</b> The government is a group of elected citizens who solve problems and make laws for a community.</p> <p><b>Why do we need government?</b> There are three main reasons why we need a government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to keep order,</li> <li>• to manage disagreements,</li> <li>• and to protect people and their property.</li> </ul> <p><b>How is our government organized?</b> Our government is divided into three branches. Each branch has a specific job.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Geography</b></p> <p>Video: <a href="#">Longitude and Latitude</a> What is the difference between longitude and latitude? Practice locating destinations on a map.</p>
<p align="center"><b>American Flag Education</b></p> <p>Video: <a href="#">American Flag Facts, Etiquette, &amp; History</a> Video: <a href="#">American Flag Etiquette with the Marines</a> Video: <a href="#">History of the American Flag</a> What do the 13 stripes represent? What do the stars represent? How many stars are on our flag today?</p>	<p align="center"><b>The United States Constitution</b></p> <p>School House Rocks: <a href="#">Three Branches of Government</a> The Constitution divided the Government into three branches: legislative, executive, and judicial. That was an important decision because it gave specific powers to each branch and set up something called checks and balances. Just like the phrase sounds, the point of checks and balances was to make sure no one branch would be able to control too much power, and it created a separation of powers. Learn about the three branches of government by exploring the page at the link below. National Archives: <a href="#">Three Branches of Government</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Virtual Field Trips</b></p> <p>As you watch each virtual tour and learn about the story behind each location, think about how or why each place is important or meaningful to you. Which buildings were most impressive to you? What were some symbols in each location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The White House</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The U.S. Capitol Building</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Supreme Court</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Arlington National Cemetery – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier</a> (360 video)</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Independence Day</b></p> <p>Video: <a href="#">Declaration of Independence</a> Patriotic Music: <a href="#">Stars and Stripes Forever</a> Write a story explaining what you like to do to celebrate America's birthday. Include details about what you do, where you go to celebrate, what you like to eat, and how you feel.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Florida's Capitol</b></p> <p>Video: <a href="#">Florida's Old Capitol Building</a> How has the Capitol Building changed? What are Florida's State Symbols?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Reptile</li> <li>• State Bird</li> <li>• State Animal</li> <li>• State Fish</li> <li>• State Marine Animal</li> <li>• State Flower</li> <li>• State Tree</li> <li>• State Song</li> <li>• State Shell</li> <li>• State Beverage</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Primary and Secondary Sources</b></p> <p>Maps help us examine and understand the geography of a specific area. A map can be a primary source or a secondary source. If a map is created and used by someone in the past, it is a primary source. If a map was created and used after the time period it shows, then it is a secondary source. They help us understand how the geography of an area influenced people or events in the past. Find a map that is a primary source and one that is a secondary source.</p>