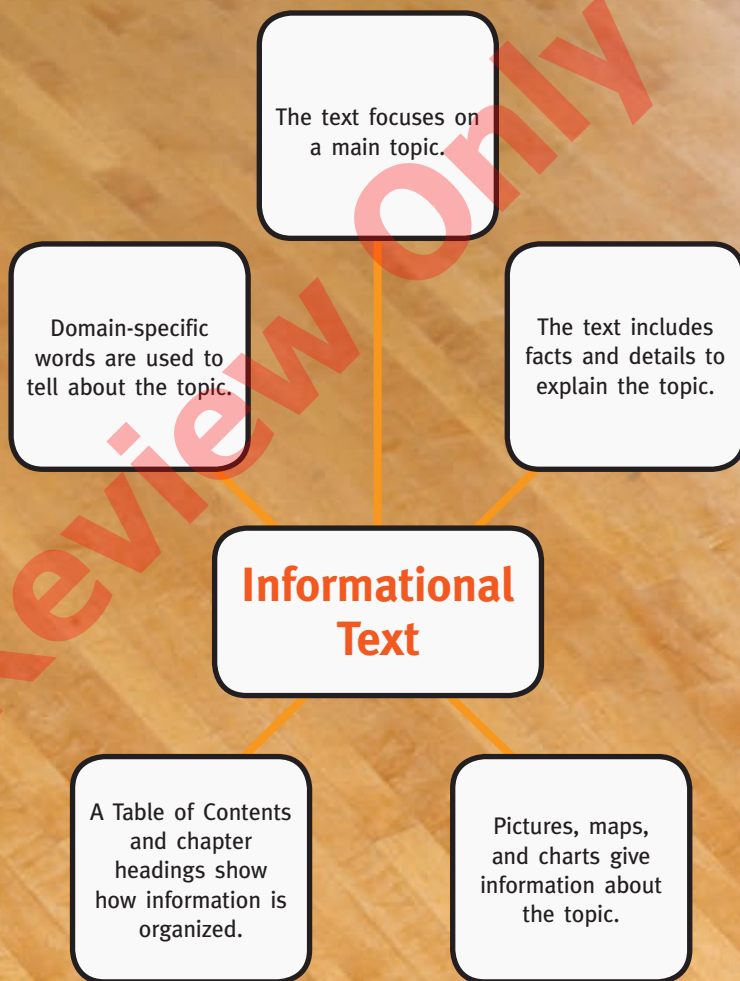


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What Is a Citizen?

A citizen is a member of a place such as a town or a country. People who are born in a country and live there are usually citizens of that country.





▶ The members
of this family are
becoming citizens
of the United States. ★

Sometimes people born in one country move to another country. They study and work hard to become citizens of their new country.

Ways to Be a Good Citizen

Good citizens learn about their country. They want to understand how their **government** works.

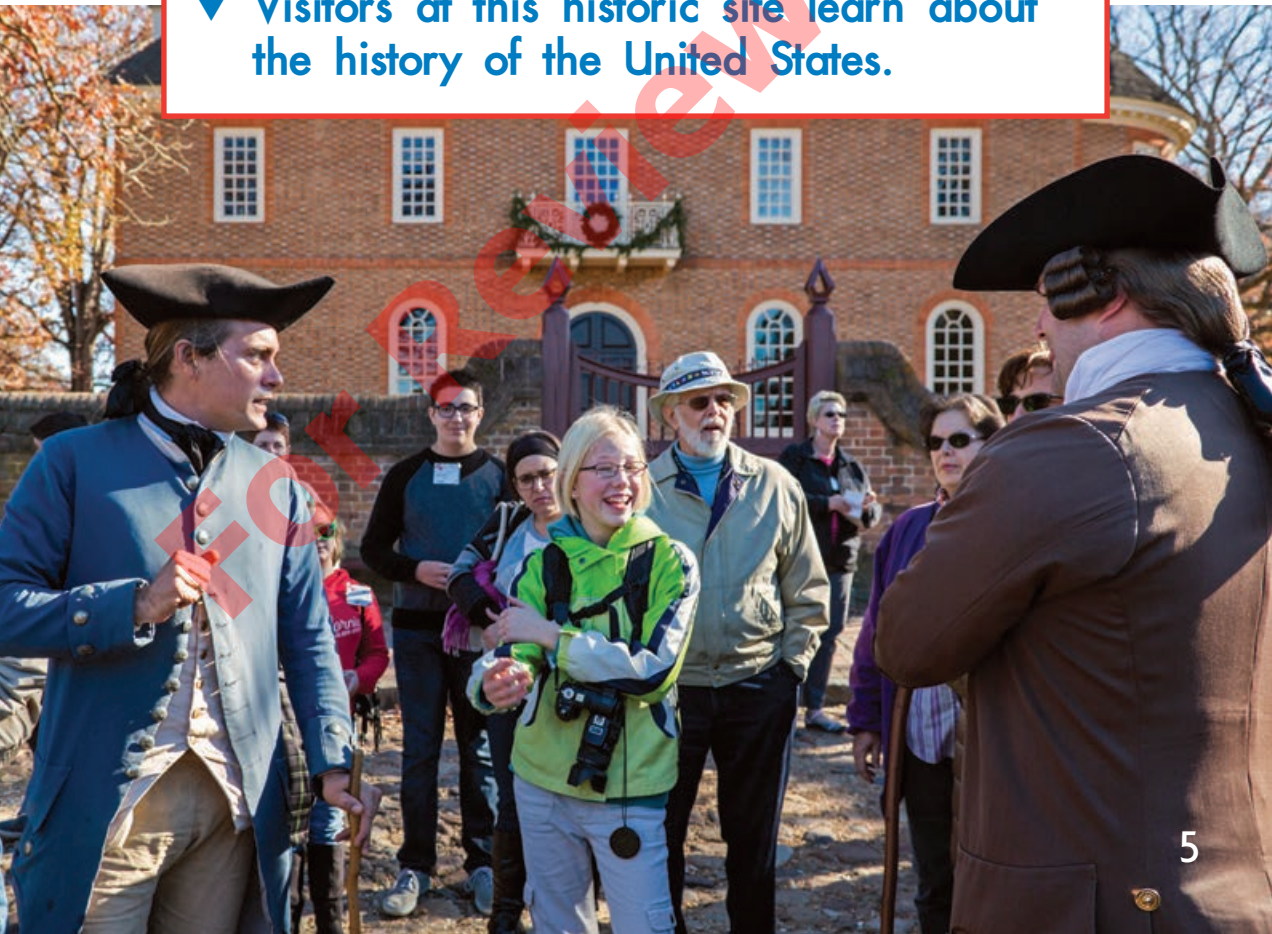


▲ Students in school learn about their country.



Citizens can learn about their country in many ways. Some read books about their country. Others visit places that tell about their country's history. These places are known as historic sites.

▼ Visitors at this historic site learn about the history of the United States.



Good citizens respect the special **symbols** of their country. One symbol is the flag. Citizens of the United States can show respect for the flag by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Symbols of the United States

All of these things are important symbols of the United States.

The U.S. flag



The bald eagle



The Statue of Liberty



The Liberty Bell





Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America,
and to the republic for which it stands,
one nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

Good citizens vote in **elections**.

When people vote, they choose people to lead the government. Citizens in the United States vote for their president. This is the person who leads the country.



▲ Citizens of the United States must be 18 years old to vote in government elections.



Good citizens also vote for leaders in their community. A community is a group of people who live or work in the same area. A city is a community. A town is a community, too.

Voting gives citizens a say in what happens in their community. Some citizens become leaders in their community.

