

# **Social Studies STUDY GUIDE**

## **UNIT #1: GOVERNMENT**

**TEST DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocabulary:** Know the following terms and definitions

1. citizen: a person who belongs to a community
2. vote: a choice that gets counted / to make a choice about something
3. responsibility: something a citizen should take care of or do
4. solution: a way to solve a problem
5. laws: rules that a citizen must follow to stay safe
6. community: the place where citizens live, work, or play together
7. right: a kind of freedom which can be taken away in the form of a consequence
8. Mayor: leader of a city
9. Constitution: the written set of rules for our government to follow
10. Respect: concern for others
11. Taxes: what the government uses to pay for services
12. United States National Anthem: "The Star Spangled Banner"

**Other concepts to know:**

1. The difference between rights and responsibilities
2. Examples of rights and responsibilities
3. Examples of responsible choices
4. The jobs of the three branches of government: Legislative (Congress-leaders who write and vote on new laws), Executive (President), and Judicial (Supreme Court, or the highest court in our country)
5. Possible consequences to broken rules and laws
6. Similarities and differences between rules at home and rules at school