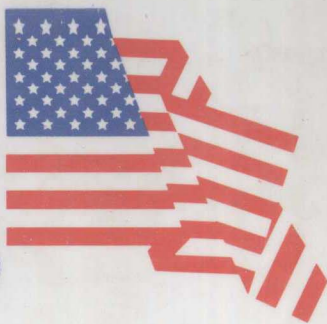


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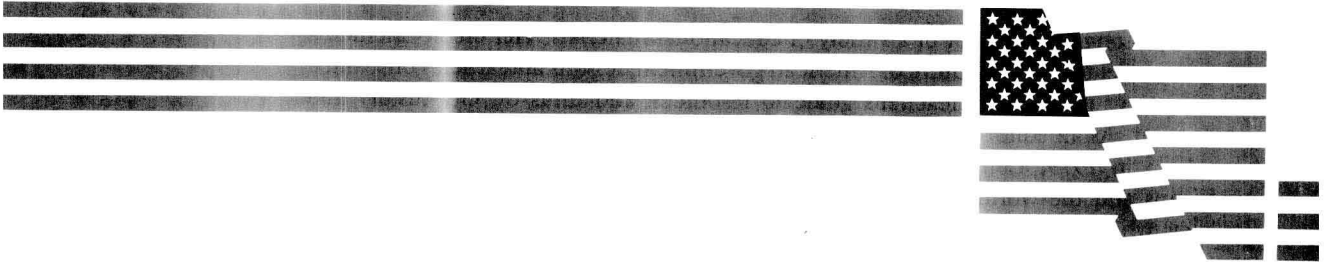
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PREFACE

Civics: Citizens in Action is a practical guide for students as American citizens. In fact, the book's title accurately reflects its contents. *Civics: Citizens in Action* describes the active role of American citizens in today's world.

Civics: Citizens in Action begins with a Prologue designed to introduce the study of civics. Each unit opens with a colorful, two-page photograph and a brief overview describing the content of the unit. The units are arranged to provide a systematic course of study. The early units provide a basic understanding of the principles of American government and of American citizenship. The later units proceed from a study of citizenship at the familiar local level to a study of state, national, and world citizenship.

Each chapter within a unit begins with a colorful, full-page photograph. The chapter also opens with several preview questions designed to prepare students for the material to be presented, and with an opening vignette to create interest in the topic. Each chapter is divided into sections and subsections. Key terms within each section appear in boldface type and are immediately defined in context. These terms, along with the major concepts of the section, are reinforced through section questions. Throughout the chapters, full-color photographs and graphic art reinforce and supplement the material presented. Photo captions, each with a question, help link the photographs to the chapter narrative.

Three types of special features—*Citizens at Work*, *Citizens in Action*, and *Citizens Solve Problems*—enhance the presentation of material. The *Citizens at Work* feature focuses on careers that relate to the subject area of the unit. These careers are of two types—those requiring a college degree and those requiring a high school diploma and some additional training. The *Citizens in Action* feature highlights exemplary actions of Americans who have made a difference at the local, state, national, and international levels. The *Citizens Solve Problems* feature describes ways that individuals working alone, in groups, or with the government deal with problems they face today.

Each chapter of *Civics: Citizens in Action* concludes with a Chapter Review, which contains a summary of key points, a vocabulary exercise, review questions, discussion questions, and a critical thinking skills exercise. Each unit of the text concludes with a Unit Review, which contains a summary of basic themes, a section of thought questions, suggested activities, and a skills exercise designed to build citizenship competency. The text concludes with an Epilogue that challenges students as citizens in today's world.

A comprehensive Appendix contains a variety of learning aids. It begins with a special section entitled Effective Citizenship Skills. These skills emphasize how students can utilize the privilege of citizenship to the fullest. The Appendix also includes texts of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Explanatory annotations of the Constitution appear throughout the document. In addition, a feature about the American flag, including the words to the Pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed; a map of the United States; a map of the world; a table of Presidents and Vice Presidents, a table of the states of the Union; a glossary; and an index are provided to aid in the study of *Civics: Citizens in Action*.

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PROLOGUE

Look around your classroom and your school. Look around your neighborhood and your city. Look at the people from around the state and across the country who appear in newspapers, in magazines, and on television. Many of those people may seem to be like you. Others may appear to be quite different. Some may dress differently or speak differently from the way you do. Some may work in jobs that are not familiar. Others may have traditions and customs that are different from yours. As an American, however, you have one thing in common with millions of other Americans across the country—your citizenship.

What does it mean to be an American citizen in today's world? One of the most important things American citizenship means is freedom. Americans are free to live, to work, and to believe as they choose, within the limits of the law. Citizenship, then, assures Americans of many rights. Yet, it also brings with it many responsibilities. In the United States, it is the American people who established the government and who set the limits of the law—the limits that guide society. And, it is the American people who will continue to shape and direct the country in the years to come.

Steering the course of your own life as an American, as well as the course of a nation, is a tremendous responsibility. To carry out this responsibility takes knowledge. It takes a knowledge of the past and how it has shaped the present. It takes a knowledge of the workings of government today on the local, state, and national levels. It takes a knowledge of the place of the United States in the world and where we, as world citizens, are headed in the future. It also takes some practical know-how. How do you make decisions? How do you communicate your ideas to others? What are the advantages of citizens working together to achieve goals? Where do you go to register to vote? How do you operate a voting machine? How do you fill out a W-4 form? How do you write a check? This book will provide you with the basic knowledge that Americans today need. It also will provide you with the skills important to be an effective citizen—a citizen able to promote individual interests, as well as the interests of a free nation.

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