



*Citizen You: SS.7.C.1.9*  
**The Rule of Law**  
**VIDEO VIEWING GUIDE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Question	List Specific Evidence from the Video	Complete Sentence
1. What is the Rule of Law?		
2. What is the purpose of separation of powers and checks and balances?		
3. What role does the Constitution and its amendments play in ensuring that the United States has the rule of law?		
4. How does the rule of law impact government officials?		
5. What role does an independent judiciary (court system) play in the rule of law?		

<p>6. Why is serving on a jury important to ensuring the rule of law?</p>		
<p>7. What would life be like if we did not have the rule of law?</p>		
<p>8. Does the President of the United States have to follow the laws of the country?</p>		

**Extra Notes Section**



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**READING GUIDE #1**

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**Reading: Life Without the Rule of Law**

**Benchmark Clarification 1:** Students will distinguish between the characteristics of a society that operates under the rule of law and one that does not.

Reading Task	Response
What ideas are presented in the reading?	
What is the central idea of the reading?	
Select two words or phrases that support the central idea.	
How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before?	
How does a society that operates under the rule of law differ from one that does not?	A society that operates under the rule of law differs from one that does not by:



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**READING GUIDE #2**

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**Reading: The Importance of the Rule of Law**

**Benchmark Clarification 2:** Students will assess the importance of the rule of law in protecting citizens from arbitrary and abusive uses of government power.

Reading Task	Response
What ideas are presented in the reading?	
What is the central idea of the reading?	
Select two words or phrases that support the central idea.	
How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before?	
How does the rule of law protect citizens?	The rule of law protects citizens by:



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**READING GUIDE #3**

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**Reading: The Impact of the Rule of Law**

**Benchmark Clarification 3:** Students will evaluate the impact of the rule of law on governmental officials and institutions (accountability to the law, fair procedures, decisions based on the law, consistent application, enforcement of the law, and transparency of institutions).

Reading Task	Response
What ideas are presented in the reading?	
What is the central idea of the reading?	
Select two words or phrases that support the central idea.	
How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before?	
How does the rule of law impact government officials and institutions?	The rule of law impacts government officials and institutions in that:



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**VOCABULARY PRACTICE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

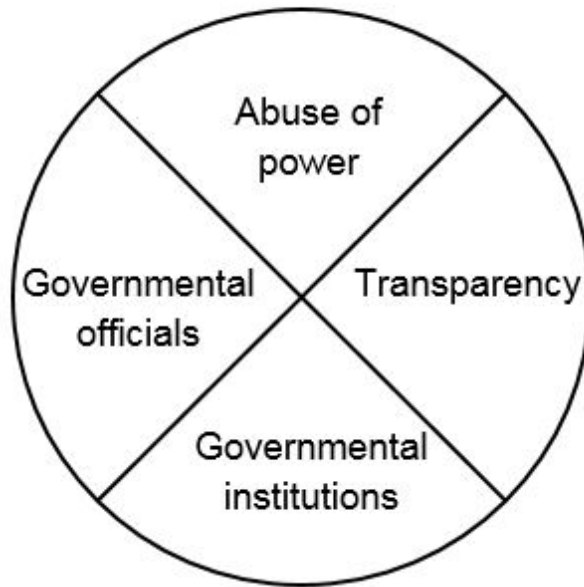
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Write about your understanding of **the rule of law** by explaining the connections between and among each of the terms in the concept circle.

How do the terms in the concept circle fit together?





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**PRACTICE QUIZ**

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**The Rule of Law Practice Quiz Reflection**

<b>FIRST Attempt Score</b>	<b>I answered _____ questions right.</b>
<b>One thing I learned:</b>	

<b>SECOND Attempt Score</b>	<b>I answered _____ questions right.</b>
<b>One thing I learned:</b>	