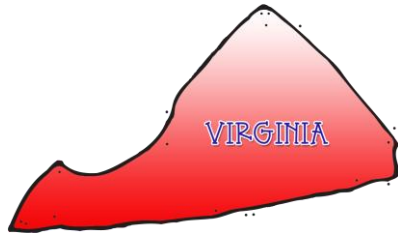




2nd Grade Social Studies Task Cards



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Citizenship

Look around at your classmates. Each person, including you, has good citizen responsibilities. Draw a picture of yourself acting as a good citizen and write about your actions.

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Citizenship

Voting is an important part of being a citizen. Write about a time when you got to vote for something.

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Citizenship

Use the library or a computer to help you find out the name of our state governor. Write about what a governor does.

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Citizenship

Create a drawing of a school or community activity in which you would like to volunteer to help. Show how you would be a good citizen in your drawing and write a caption for your picture.

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Diversity

Imagine you have just moved to a new country where people do not speak English. On your first day of school how will you try to make new friends with children who speak a different language?

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Diversity

Imagine there is a new student in your class. What common American principle would you help your new classmate learn first and why?

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Diversity

Think about a custom or tradition that is unique to your ethnic background. It may be making or eating a certain food, wearing traditional clothes, or celebrating a special day. Create a drawing or write about a favorite tradition to share with the class.

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Diversity

The American flag was designed over two hundred years ago. Think about what you know about America today and design a new flag for the United States. Explain your design and why you chose your symbols.

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Map Skills

Draw a map of your bedroom. Be sure you have a map title, a compass rose, and a map legend. You could use squares for chairs, rectangles for beds, and triangles for windows in your map legend.

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Map Skills

Imagine you have the chance to travel through the Rocky Mountains or down the Mississippi River. Which would you pick? List all the states you will visit on your trip.

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Map Skills

Imagine you live in South America and have to travel by boat to Asia. What ocean will you cross? What continents will you visit along the way?

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Ancient Civilizations

Imagine you have the chance to travel back in time to both ancient Egypt and ancient China. Draw a picture or write about what you would see in each of those places.

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Ancient Civilizations

Imagine if the ancient Chinese had not invented fireworks, what do you think we would use to celebrate important American holidays like the 4th of July?

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Ancient Civilizations

Imagine you are a pharaoh and have decided that you would like to design a new form of architecture for your tomb. Draw a picture of the new tomb design and describe your creation to your classmates.

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Environment

Imagine if you could live in any of the regions or countries you have studied this year, which would you choose? Why?

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Environment

Imagine if the Southwest had a climate like the Eastern Woodlands, do you think the land would look the same or different? Do you think the homes and the types of food the Pueblo ate would change? Why?

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Environment

The climate in Virginia is mild with four distinct seasons. Fold a piece of paper into four squares and draw a picture of each season in Virginia— spring, summer, winter, fall.

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Communities

Imagine you are living in the year 1800. Draw a picture of yourself doing a chore at your house. Be sure that your home, the chore, and your clothes would fit in with life in the 1800s!

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Communities

Imagine if the car was never invented and everyone still used horses and wagons or buggies as the way to travel. Describe a place in your community and tell how different it would look.

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Communities

Imagine you are asked to invent the next great form of transportation that will change people's lives. Draw a picture of it and on the back explain your new invention. How will it change life in the future?

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Famous Americans

Every person you have learned about did amazing things to fight inequality in America. Which person do you think did the most to help improve the lives of other Americans? Why?

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Famous Americans

Imagine you have the same disabilities as Helen Keller. What would you miss most? Seeing? Speaking? Hearing? Explain why.

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Famous Americans

Imagine you are marching with Martin Luther King, Jr. What responsibilities of a good citizen do you think you will most need: self-reliance, self-discipline, or trustworthiness and honesty? Why?

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Economics

Look at the tag on the back of your shirt. It will tell you what the shirt is made of and where it was made. Can you find what natural resources were used to make it? What human resources were needed? What kinds of capital resources were needed to get your shirt to the stores?

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Economics

Imagine you and your best friend started a lemonade stand. Decide which natural resources, human resources, and capital resources you would need to start your business.

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Economics

A long time ago people used valuable natural resources such as salt, wampum, tobacco, and gold instead of money to buy things. What valuable natural resources exist today that we could use instead of money to buy things?

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