**Writing Practice**

1. Citizens have the right to run for office.

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2. It is important for all citizens to vote.

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3. I want to be an American citizen.

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4. We pay taxes in April.

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5. Our government is divided into three branches.

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6. The President lives in the White House.

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7. Any citizen can vote once they are 18 years old.

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8. The flag is red, white, and blue.

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**Reading Practice**

1. The first colony was founded at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607. The colonists came for freedom and economic opportunity.
2. George Washington was born on February 22, 1732 in Virginia. Washington served as a general of the colonial armies during the American Revolution and later became the first president of the United States. Washington is known as the Father of our Country.
3. The Constitution divides the government into three branches: legislative, executive, and judicial. Each of the three branches has specific powers which creates a system called checks and balances or the separation of powers. The point of checks and balances or the separation of powers is to stop one branch from becoming too powerful.
4. The legislative branch is also known as the Legislature or Congress. This branch of the government makes federal laws.
5. The legislative branch is made up of two parts: the House of Representatives and the Senate. They meet at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.
6. If the President can no longer serve, the Vice President becomes the President. If neither can serve, the Speaker of the House becomes President.
7. In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for $15 million. This allowed the country to expand to the west.
8. The first 10 amendments of the Constitution are known as the Bill of RIghts. The Bill of Rights protects everyone’s basic freedoms including freedom of expression, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, and the right to bear arms.