

### Civics and the Natural World Art Competition



#### What is Civics?

- ★ Study of governments
  - Governments affect our lives
- ★ Structure of our government
  - Tribal
  - National
  - State
  - Local
    - County and cities
- ★ Helps us understand our past → to better protect our present and future
- ★ Government is NOT static



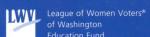






Your guide to state, tribal & local government









### What kind of society do YOU want to live in?

- 1. Fair
  - a. Equal rights and opportunities
- 2. Open
  - a. Freedom of expression
    - i. What does this mean?
- 3. Vocal
  - a. Have a voice in society by voting
- 4. No discrimination
  - a. Race, gender, disability, nation of origin, religion, etc.



# The government is made up of people

Everyone has a voice!

## What makes a GOOD CITIZEN?

We are all citizens, no matter how old we are!



- 1. Good character
- 2. Love to learn
- 3. Learn science
- 4. Don't feel you have to know everything
- 5. Know your neighbors
- 5. Spend time with diverse people
- 7. Know your rights and stand up for them
- 8. Participate in your community
- 9. Think about the common good and individual liberty
- 10. Lean toward optimism
- 11. Think of yourself as a powerful person
- 12. Question authority with respect
- 13. Be polite with others even if you disagree

### What do TAXES pay for?

- ★ Schools
- **★** Parks
  - National, state, county, and city
- **★** Art
  - Washington State law

### How many services can you name?



### What is ART to you?

- ★ Art is not just paintings and drawings
  - Music
  - Books
  - o Poems
  - Photos
  - Graphic novels
  - Statues
  - Pottery
- ★ Do you have art at home? At school? In your room?
- ★ Do you make art?
  - What kinds of art do you like to make?



#### What is the Natural World?

- **★** Land
  - O Who owns the land?
- ★ Air
  - Our How do we protect the air we breath?
- ★ Water
  - Our How do we protect and conserve our water?
- ★ Plants and animals (including humans)
- ★ Web of life



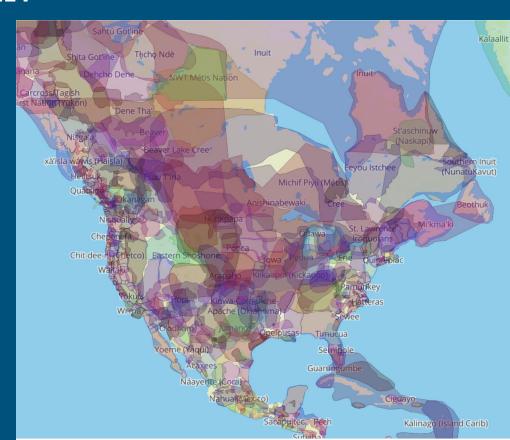
### How does the government relate to the natural world?

- ★ Government protects the world around us
- ★ Decisions we make (i.e. voting) will impact our future
- ★ How do WE take care of the earth?
  - Who is in charge of taking care of our earth?

#### Whose land are we on?

Let's check it out!

https://native-land.ca/



### What do you think the land in your area looked like before anyone arrived to build on it?

Draw a picture of what you think your neighborhood would look like if there were no houses or building on it.

What plants/animals do you think were changed by the modification of the land in your area?

**Grey Wolf** 

NOT

Apple Maggot



NOT

Goldenrod

**NATIVE** 



American Goldfinch

**NATIVE** 



Cougar (Mountain lion)

NATIVE



### NATIVE OR NOT?

Pygmy rabbit

Native (and endangered)



### Native or NOT?

Camas

Native



### eARTh Art: Visual Arts Competition

Civics and the natural world are connected: How does this affect your future?

- $\rightarrow$  Create art to answer this question
- $\rightarrow$  2D or 3D art

**Deadline** to submit art: MARCH 31st

<u>Drop off:</u> Neill Public Library (Pullman), Whitman County Library (Colfax), by email, or by mail





#### INSERT QUESTIONS