

A CIVICS LESSON IN DEMOCRACY



CIVICS EDUCATION IS ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAIN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY.
Yet research shows our young people aren't learning much about civics or history.

READING AND MATH ARE WEAK. HISTORY AND CIVICS ARE EVEN WORSE.
Proficiency Rates, Eighth-Grade NAEP Exam*



Math

36 percent



Reading

36 percent



Civics

23 percent



History

18 percent

YES, OUR SCHOOLS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE PREPARED
FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER, BUT EQUAL ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO
A THIRD "C" — CITIZENSHIP

Every high school graduate in America should have the knowledge and skills they need to:



Participate in
civic affairs in a
thoughtful manner



Respect individual
worth and human
dignity



Assume personal,
political, and
economic
responsibilities



Promote a healthy
constitutional
democracy



Become an
independent
member of
society