

Democracy for Brownies Badge

Activity Choice Descriptions

Walk your girls through the activity choices and let them decide which ones they like best.

Meeting 2 Activity Choices

Find Out About Our Country's Legislative Branch

Make the Capitol Building: Congress meets in Washington, D.C., in a place called the Capitol Building. The Senate meets on one side of the building and the House of Representatives meets on the other. Make your own Capitol Building with pencils, paint, or modeling clay. Then show it to an adult and ask any questions you can think of. For example: Who are your state's two U.S. Senators? How many representatives does your state have? What kinds of issues are important to some of them?

Write a Letter to a U.S. Representative or Senator: With help from an adult, find out about some of the people who represent your state in Congress. Then, together with your Girl Scout friends, decide on an issue that's important to you and write a letter to a representative or senator together.

Visit the Local Office of a U.S. Representative or Senator: Plan a field trip to visit one of their local offices and talk to someone there. (You'll need help from an adult, of course!) What issues are most important to this senator or representative? How are they helping kids in your state? Ask any other questions you may think of about the kind of work they do.

Find Out About Our Country's Executive Branch

Hold a Pretend Presidential Election: Together with your Girl Scout friends, decide how to hold your election. You don't need to vote on candidates running for president—you can choose silly things like a dog versus a cat or cake versus pie. Break into teams and make campaign signs and speeches for your "candidate." Then vote by secret ballot to choose a winner.

Interview an Older Family Member: Find out which president has meant the most to them in their lifetime and why. If you can, interview more than one person in your family. Did they choose the same president? Do they have different reasons for their choice? (You would do this activity at home after the meeting.)

Read Books About Presidents: With help from an adult, read two kids' books about historical presidents and talk about them. If you were president, what kinds of things would be important to you? Are there changes you would want to make in your home or school?

Find Out About Our Country's Judicial Branch

Talk to a Lawyer: Find out about what they do. How do lawyers help people understand laws? What happens if people do not follow laws? How do lawyers help people understand laws? Ask any other questions you may have.

Talk to a Judge: Find out about what they do. How does the judicial branch work with the other two branches of government? What's the difference between local courts and the Supreme Court? How does a case make it to the Supreme Court? Ask any other questions you may have.

Talk to a Social Studies, History, or Civics Teacher: Find out how they teach their students about the judicial branch. How does the judicial branch work with the other two branches of government? Ask any other questions you may have.