



Family Newsletter for Unit 5

Modern Florida

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the impact of the civil rights movement, immigration, and development on Florida
- the structure and function of governments and the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy
- how the economic climate, cultural diversity, and the environment relate to future opportunities and challenges in Florida

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 10: A Changing Society

Protect our resources Floridians enjoy a state with abundant natural resources and beauty. Discuss how development can impact the environment. What can people in your community do to help protect it?

Chapter 11: Government of the People

A house of democracy Talk with your child about a place that is part of the national or state government. What work is done there?

Chapter 12: Florida Today and Tomorrow

Working in Florida Discuss the different kinds of jobs that people do in your community. What kinds of goods and services do they provide?

Make It

An environmental poster Work with your child to create a poster about Florida's environment. Select a key issue, such as conserving water or protecting wetlands. Have your child draw pictures and use statistics.

Read to Learn More About It

The Bill of Rights, by Warren Colman. A quick look at the history of the Bill of Rights and the types of issues to which it applies today.

... *If You Lived at the Time of Martin Luther King*, by Ellen Levine. This question-and-answer treatment of life at the time of Martin Luther King provides "you are there" type of insights.

Thurgood Marshall: First African American Supreme Court Justice, by Carol Greene. A biography that looks at the strength and spirit of the first African American to serve on the Supreme Court.



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