

Citizen Me!

Part One



ALL
the
LAYERS
to
YOUR
CITIZENSHIP

WHAT IS A CITIZEN?

- A. A member of a community with rights and responsibilities.**
- B. A person who is kind to others and helps people.**
- C. Someone involved in politics.**
- D. An adult.**



**So does that mean
I'm a citizen?**

Of a city?

Of a state?

**Am I a citizen of
my school?**

**We're citizens of
SOMETHING, right?**



YES !

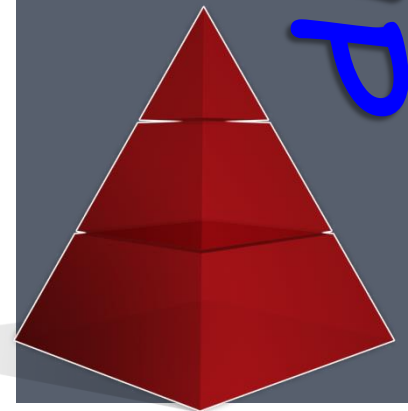
A **community** is a group of people who share an environment.

Every day you are part of several different layers of community.

That means you have many different levels of **citizenship!**

SIDE 1:
Levels of
Citizenship

CITIZENSHIP
PYRAMMID

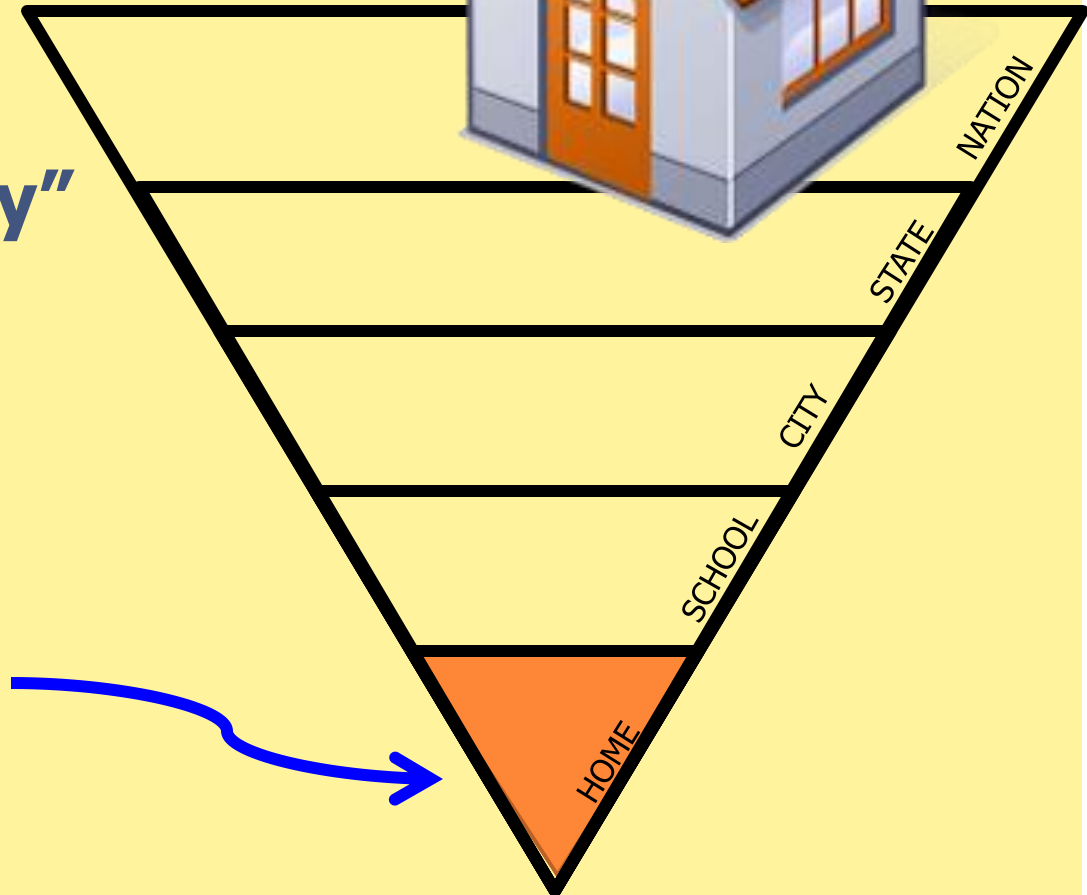


HOME



The people we live with make up the smallest "community" we belong to.

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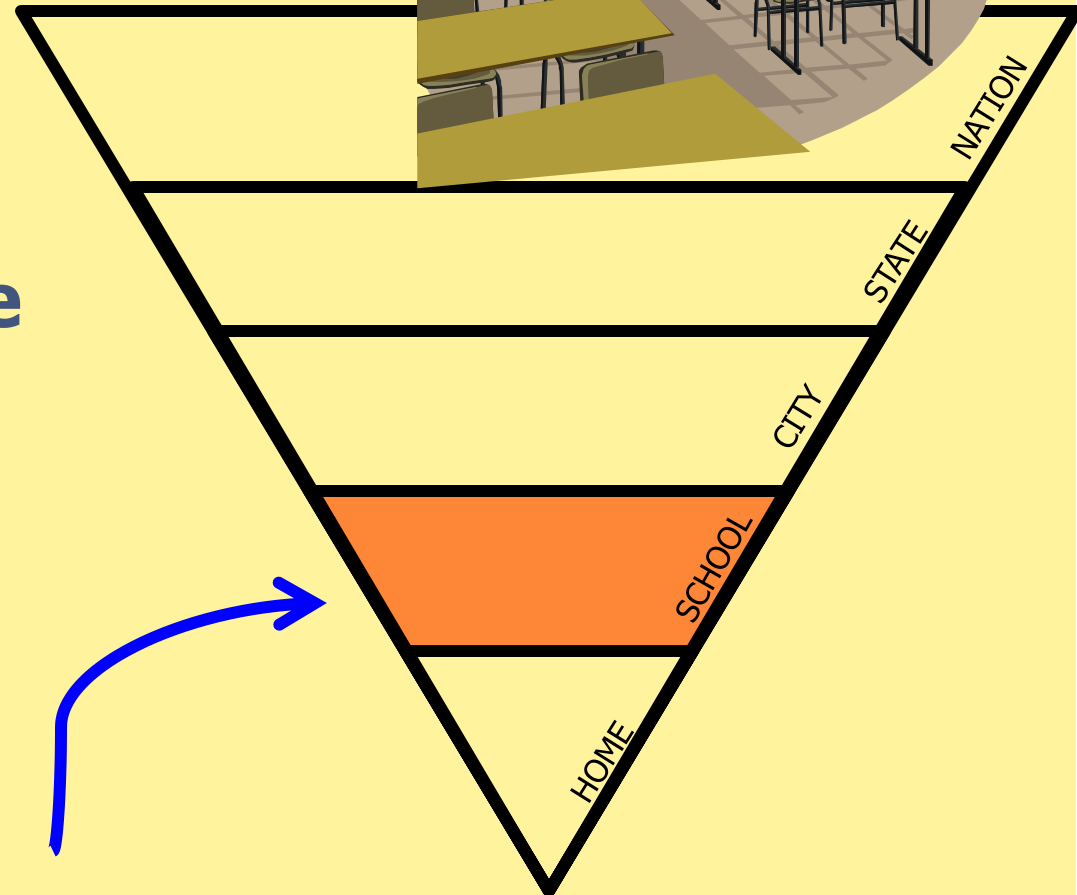


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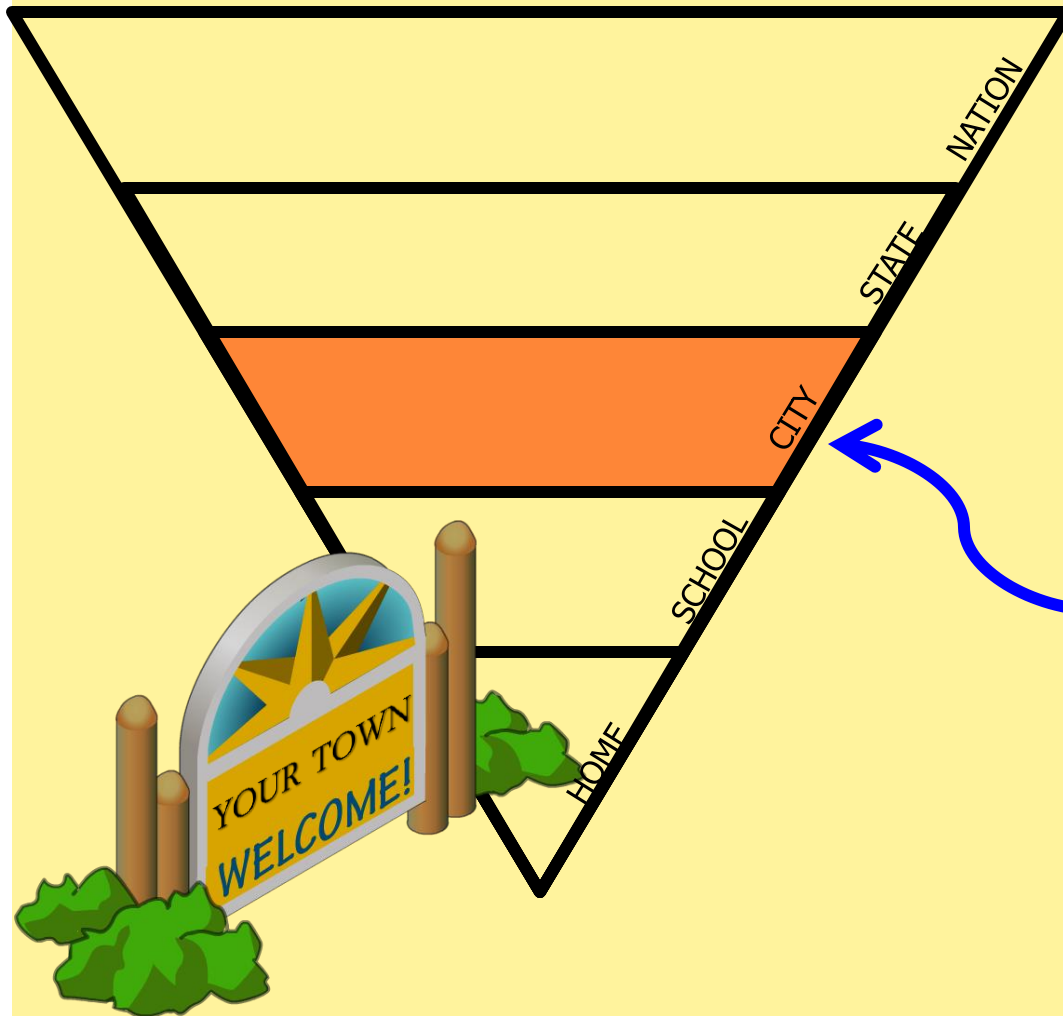
Our school or workplace is a community too. These are the people we interact with outside our homes every day.

Record the name of **your school** here...



CITY

LEVELS

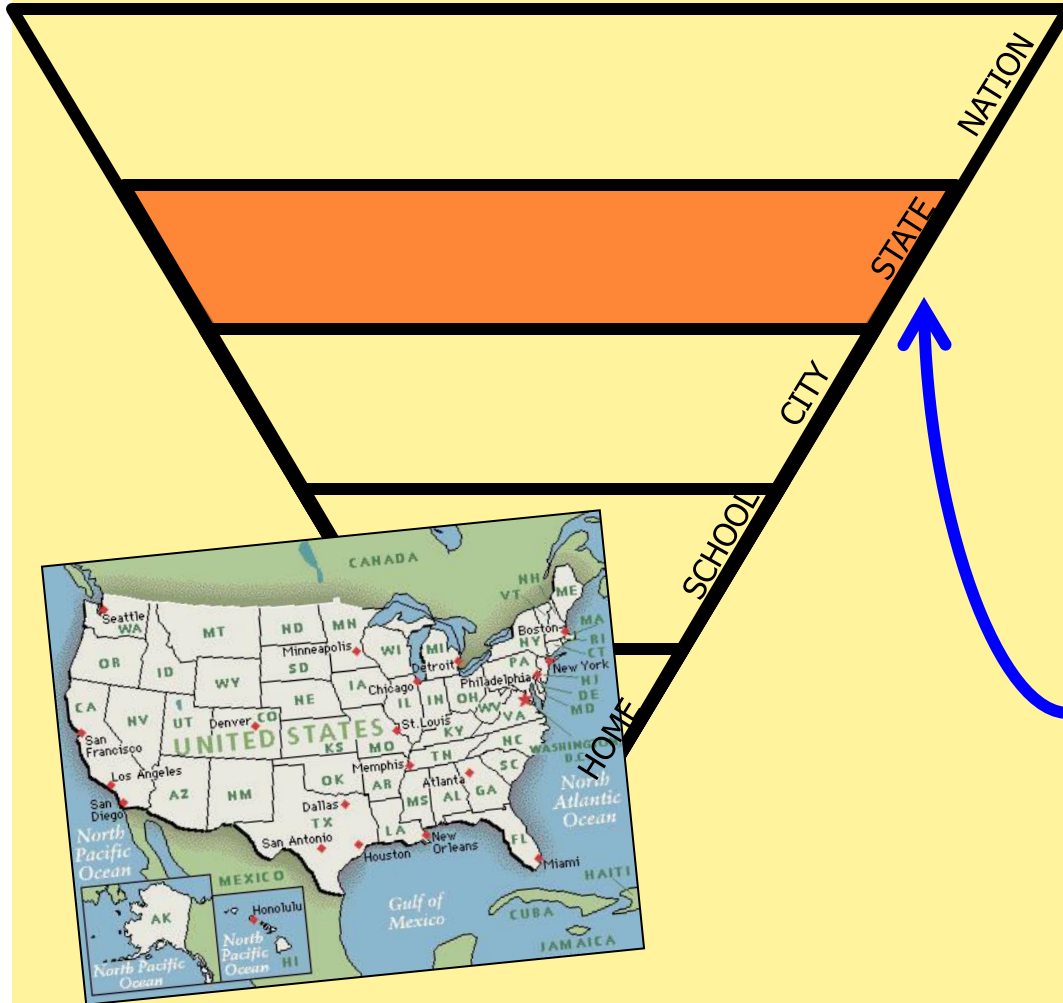


You are a citizen of the city in which you live.

Record the name of **your city** (or the city or town closest to you) here...

STATE

LEVELS



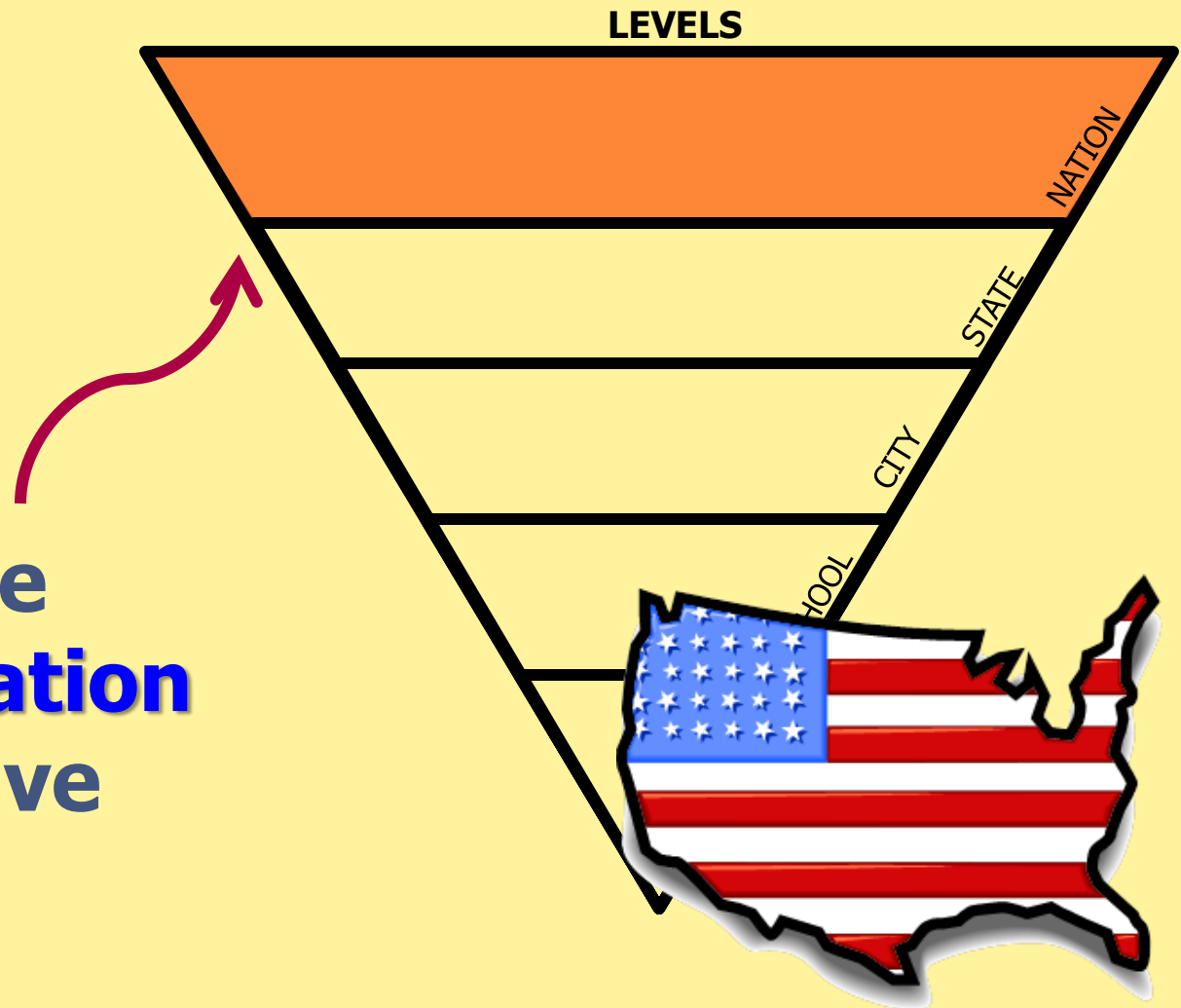
Our country is made up of 50 states (and a district, too!). You are a citizen of the state where you live.

Write the name of **your state** here...

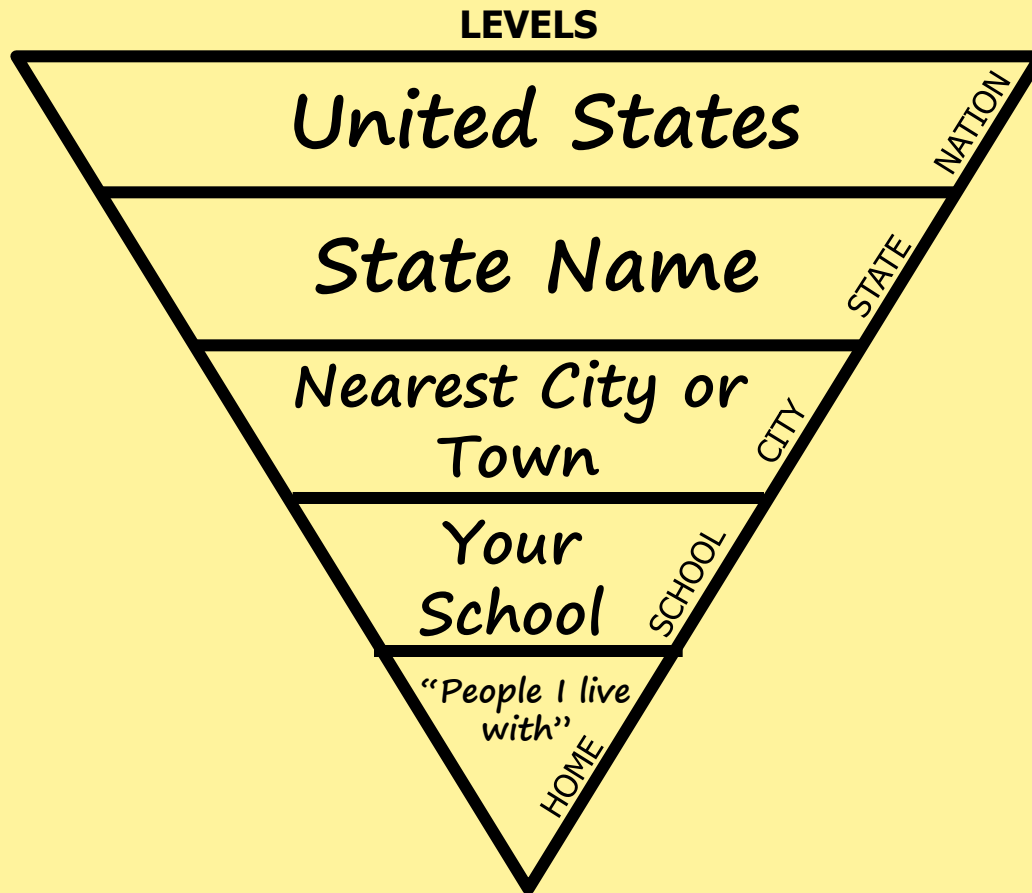
NATION

You are also a citizen of your country!

Write down the name of the **nation** in which you live here...



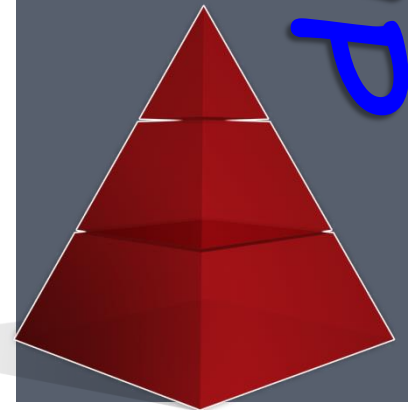
Check Your Work!



SIDE 2:

Sources of Rights & Responsibilities

**CITIZENSHIP
PYRAMMID**





Okay, so being a citizen means having rights and responsibilities. Where do those rights and responsibilities come from?

Rights and responsibilities come from...

A. The President.

B. Police officers.

**C. Different places, depending on
the level of citizenship.**

**D. Long documents nobody can read
or understand.**

NATION

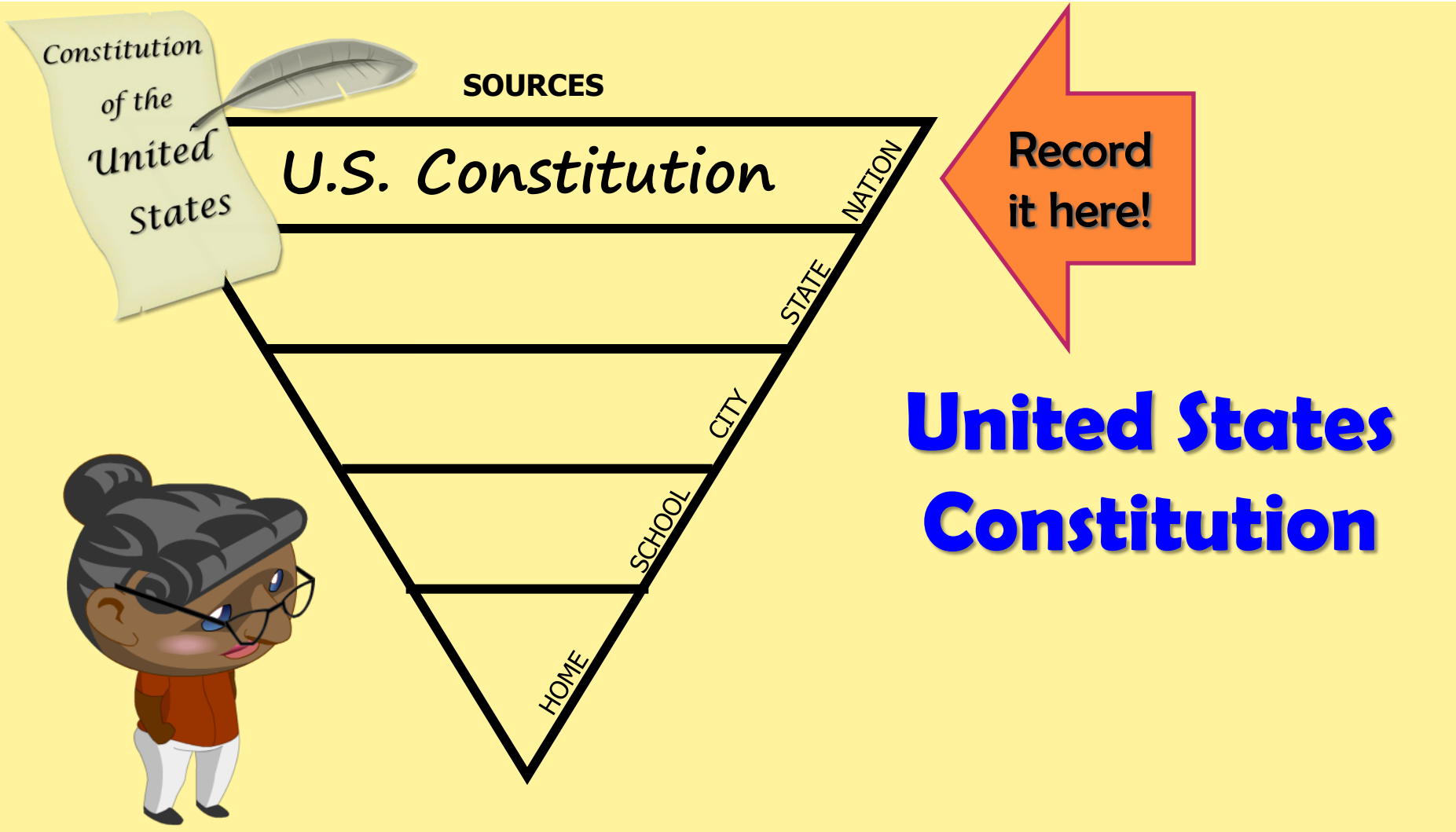
United States Constitution

Constitution
of the
United
States

In the United States,
we are guaranteed a
list of **rights** in our
Constitution.



NATION



STATE

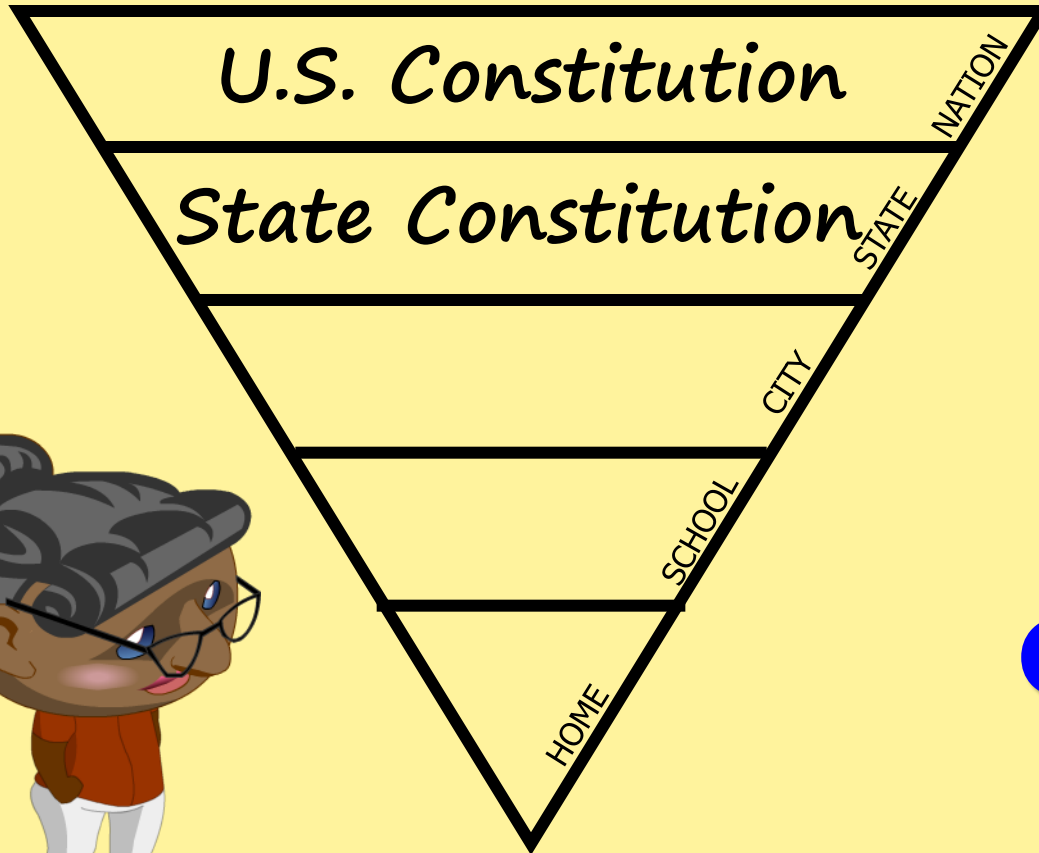
State Constitution

Each state has its own **constitution** that guarantees rights to the state's citizens.



STATE

SOURCES



**State
Constitution**



CITY

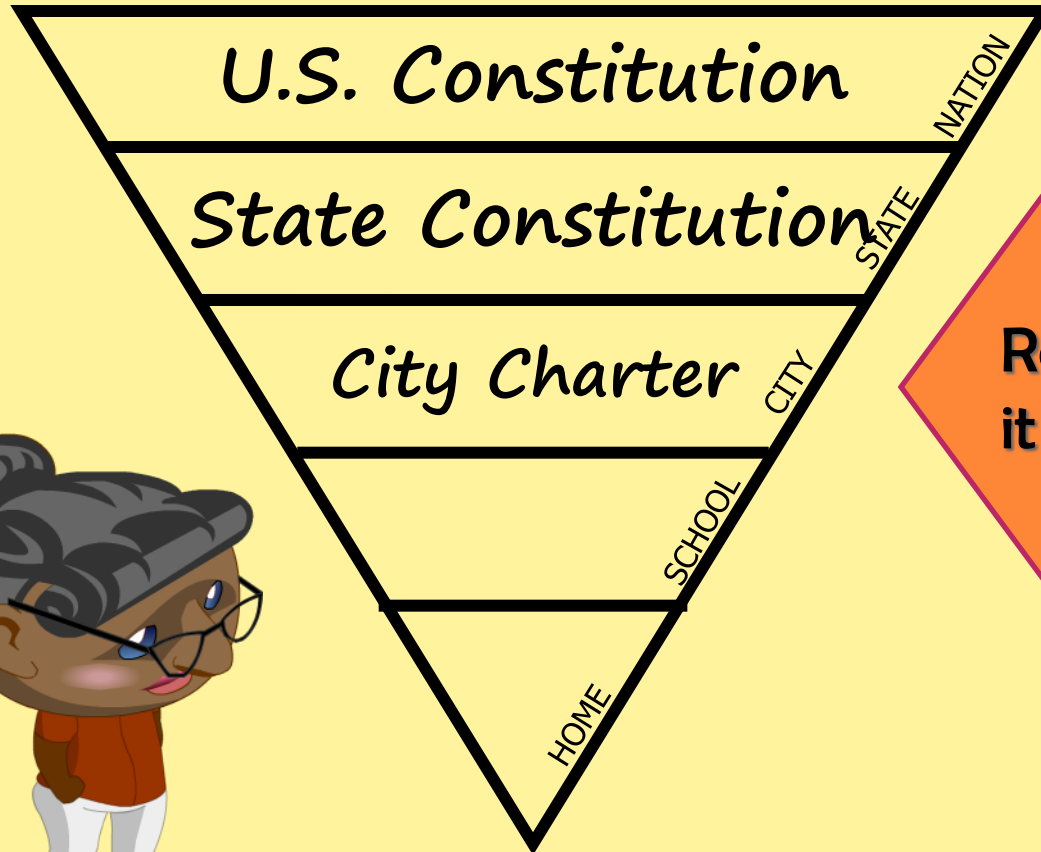
City Charter

Cities usually have a **city charter** that tells how the city will run. It usually includes some rights and responsibilities of city citizens.



CITY

SOURCES



City Charter



SCHOOL

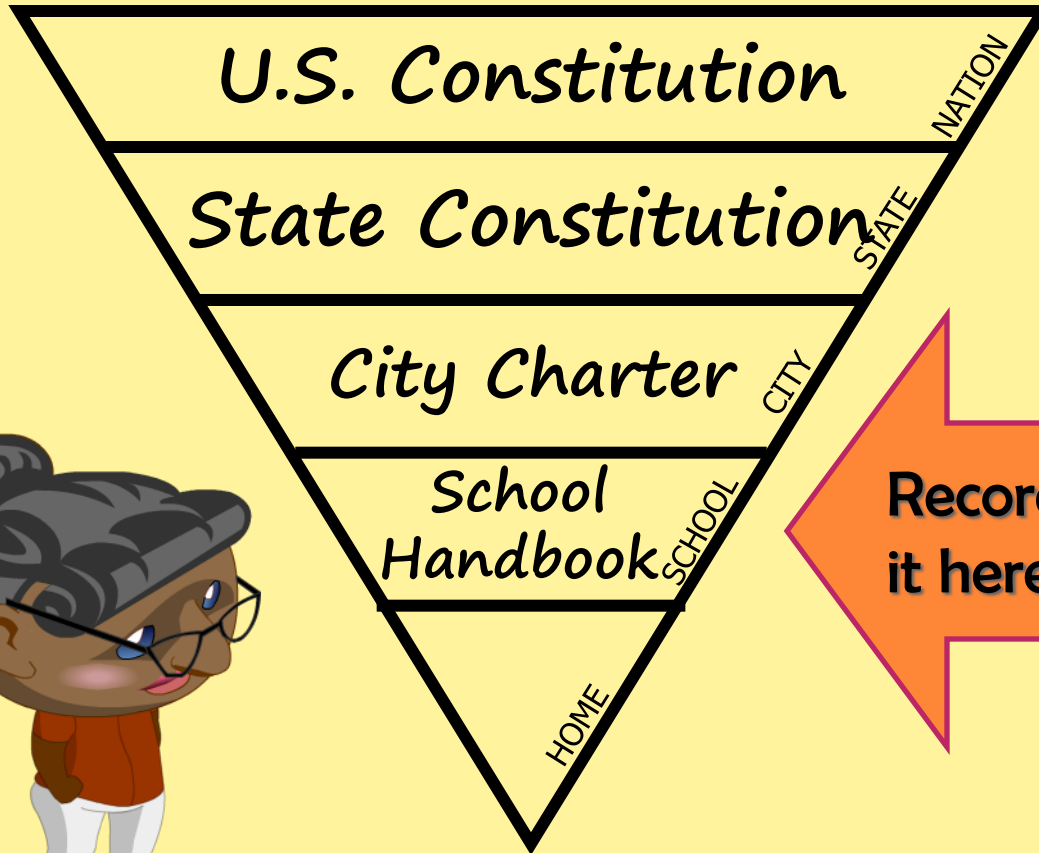
School Handbook

Most schools have a **school handbook** that lists the students' rights and responsibilities. (Mostly responsibilities – more about that later!)



SCHOOL

SOURCES



School Handbook

Record it here!



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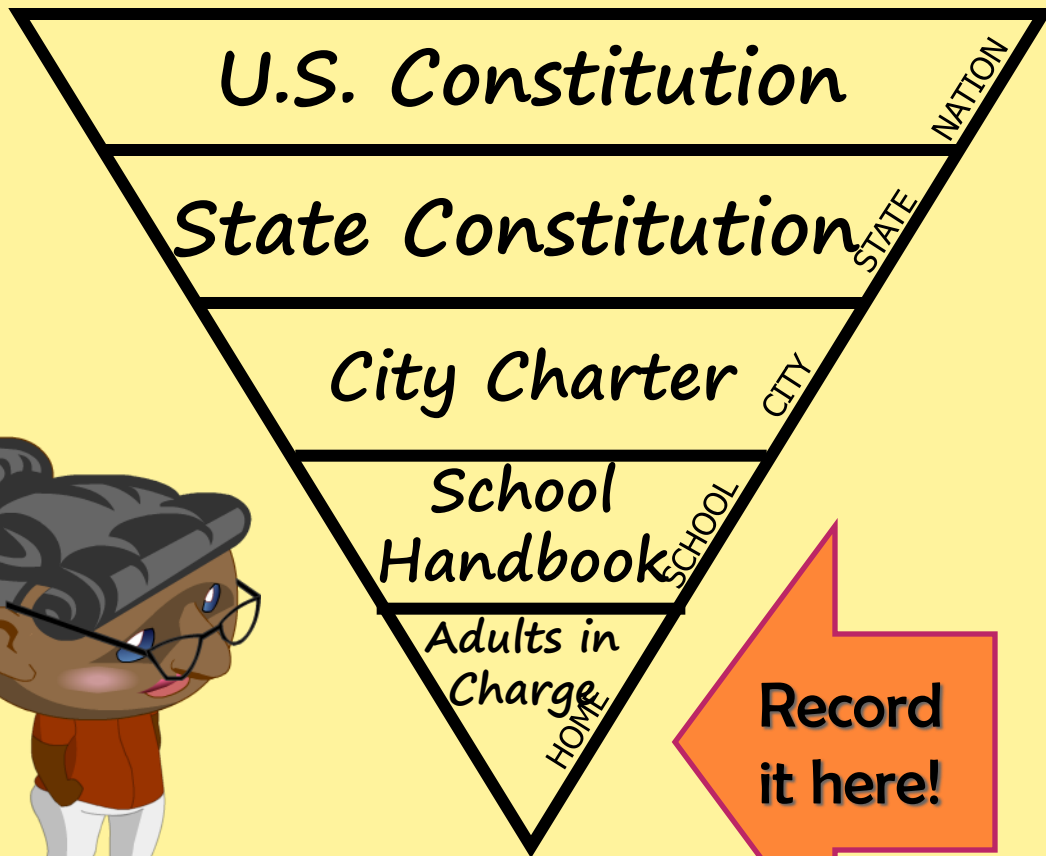
Adults in Charge

At home, the adults in charge decide what your rights and responsibilities will be.



HOME

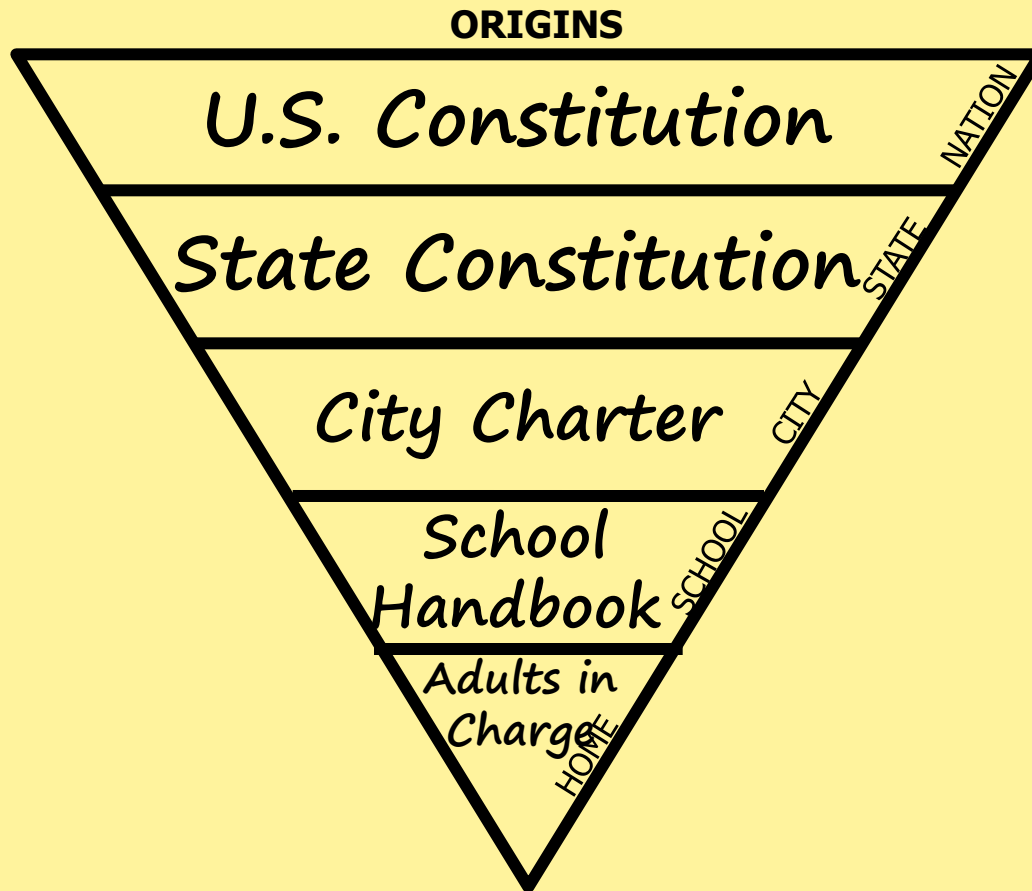
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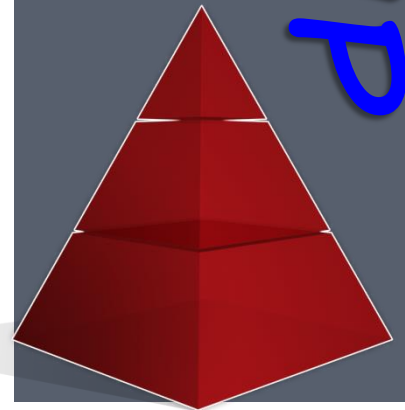
Adults in Charge

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Check Your Work:



SIDE 3:
Rights!



CITIZENSHIP
PYRAMID

Rights are...

A. Things adults get to do.

B. Privileges the President has.

C. Electric bulbs that let you read in the dark.

D. A privilege or a claim to something.



**What kind of rights
do citizens have at
each level?**

RIGHTS

You would need a pyramid the size of the ones in



to list all the rights citizens have at each level.
Let's just list a few examples:

NATION

United States Constitution

Guarantees really **BIG** rights like freedom of speech, the right to vote, and the right to a jury trial in some kinds of cases.



NATION

RIGHTS

*Freedom of speech, right to vote,
right to a jury trial*

NATION

STATE

CITY

SCHOOL

HOME

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it here!

**United States
Constitution**



STATE

State Constitution



State constitutions usually repeat many of the rights listed in the U.S. Constitution. But often they add more...

STATE

RIGHTS

Freedom of speech, right to vote,
right to a jury trial

Right to free education; equal
rights

NATION

STATE

Record
it here!

Why do you think the
U.S. Constitution doesn't
guarantee the right to an
education? Should it?

Constitution

HOME



CITY

City Charter

This gives you the right to services your city provides, like sidewalks or parks.



CITY

RIGHTS

Freedom of speech, right to vote,
right to a jury trial

NATION

Right to
rights

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**Would it be a problem
if the U.S.
Constitution talked
about sidewalks?**

City Charter

HOME



SCHOOL

School Handbook



Hey! I don't see any rights in my school handbook. All I see is stuff kids aren't supposed to do!