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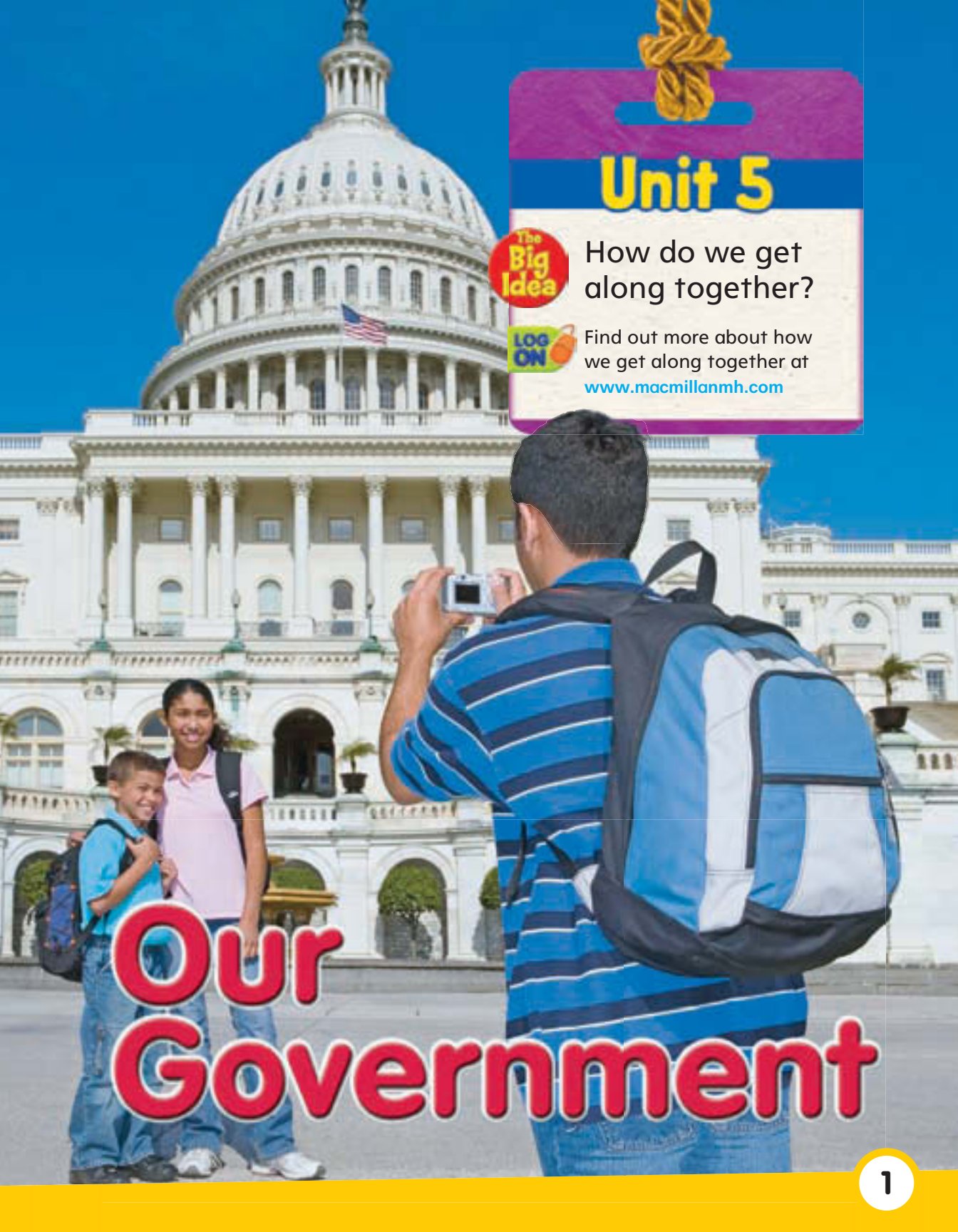
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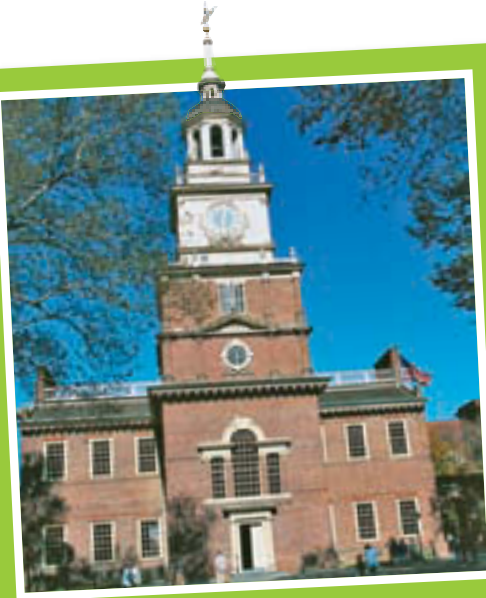
John Hancock



John Hancock was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence.



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**Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania**

**Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania,**
is where the
Declaration of
Independence
was signed.

American
leaders signed
the **Declaration
of Independence**
on July 4, 1776.

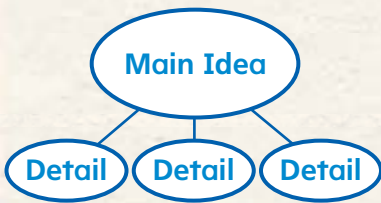


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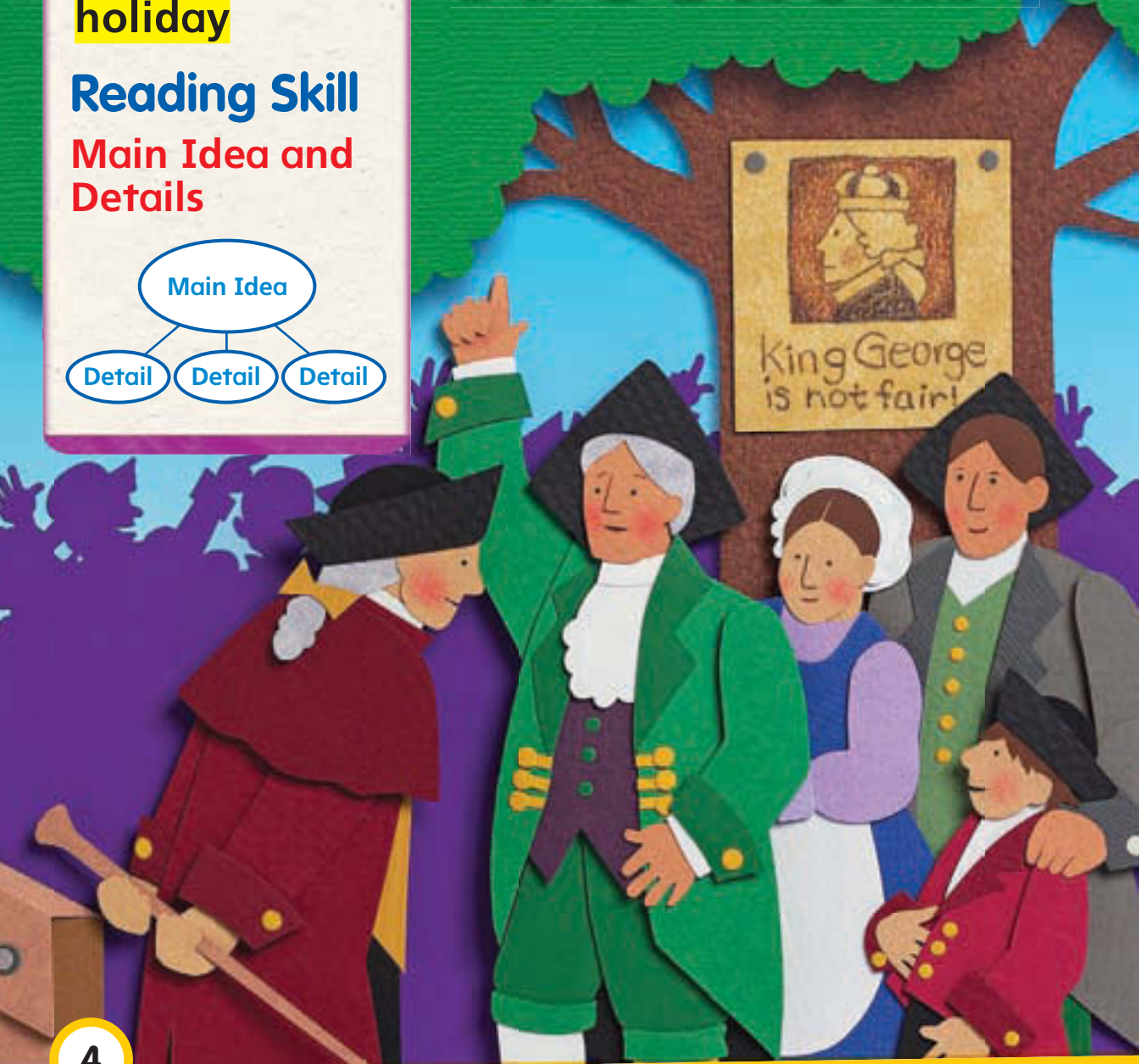
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A Call for Freedom



Freedom from King George

Working for freedom started long ago. The settlers from England felt that King George's rules were not fair.

On July 4, 1776, America's leaders wrote a paper. It said America was free from England. They called it the Declaration of Independence.



Why did leaders write the Declaration of Independence?



John Hancock

A Free Country

John Hancock was the first leader to sign the Declaration of Independence. He wrote his name very large to make sure that King George could see it!

Event

July 4 Celebration

Every July 4, we celebrate our freedom. We wave flags. We have picnics and parades.



Americans celebrate the Declaration of Independence every July 4. It is a **holiday** called Independence Day. A holiday is a day to celebrate a famous person or event.



How do we celebrate July 4?

Check Understanding




1. **Vocabulary** What is a **holiday**?

2. **Main Idea and Details**

What happened on July 4, 1776?



3.  Why do Americans celebrate Independence Day?

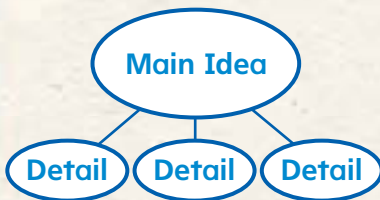
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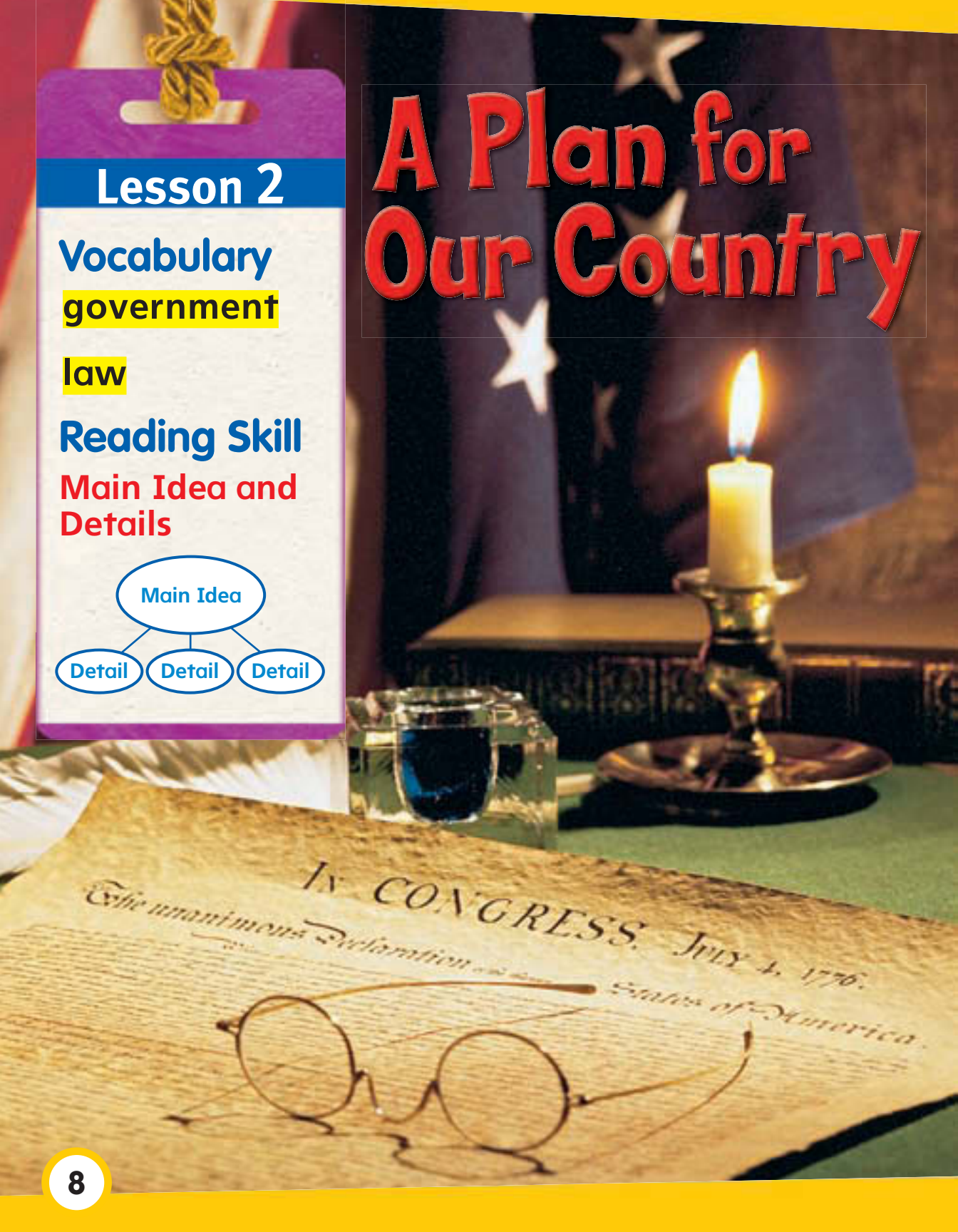
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Details



A Plan for Our Country



Our Government

Now that America was free from England, a new **government** was needed. A government is the group of people who run a country.

Our leaders had a meeting. They made a plan for a new government. They called this plan the Constitution.



Why did our leaders meet?



Our Constitution

The Constitution is made up of rules for our country. The rules help us get along and keep us free.

Rules in government are called **laws**. Our Constitution has the most important laws in our country.



The Constitution says that we can choose our own leaders. It says that everyone is free to say or write what they think. The Constitution keeps things fair.



What does our Constitution say?

Check Understanding




1. **Vocabulary** What is a **government**?

2. **Main Idea and Details**

How did we get a new government?



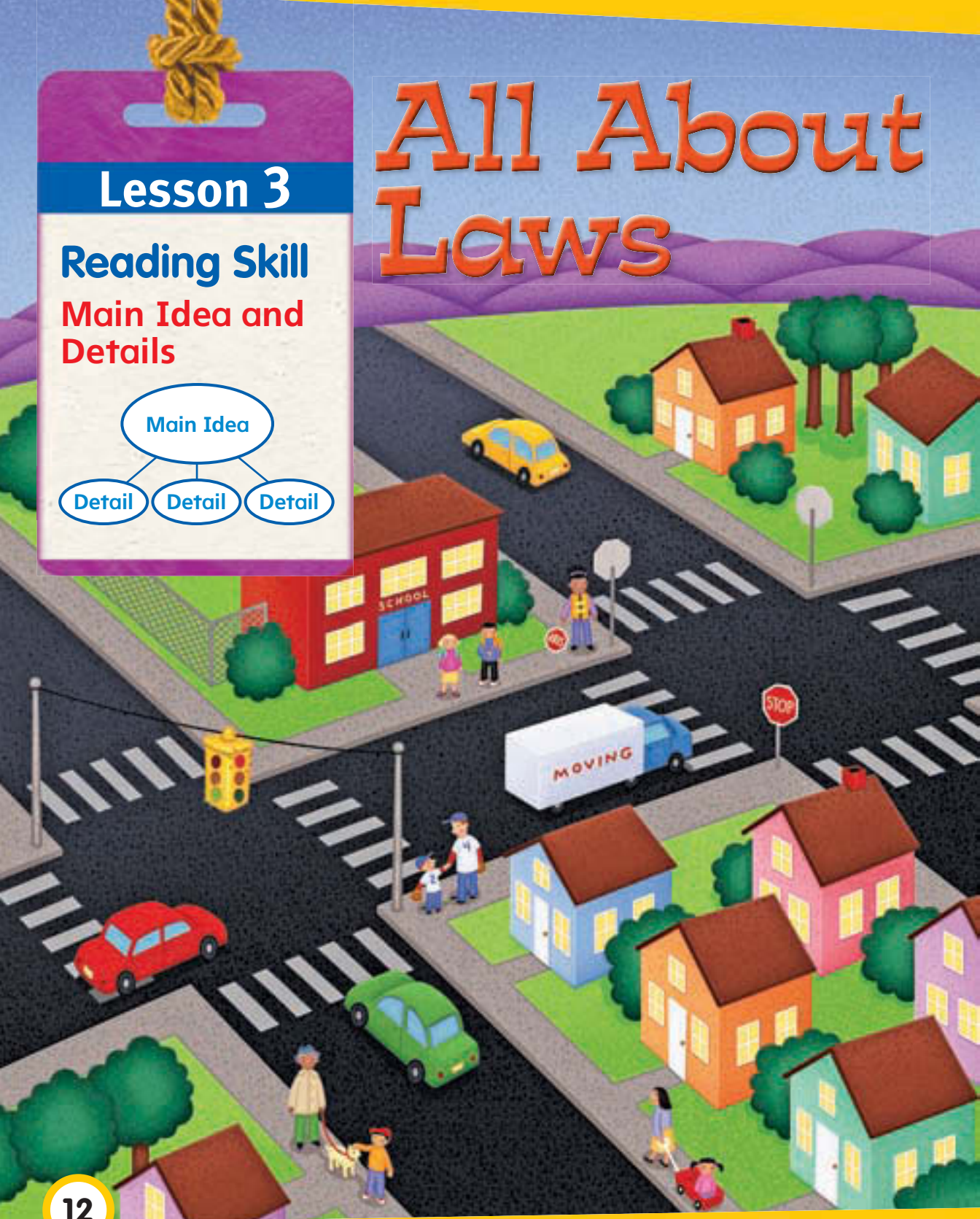
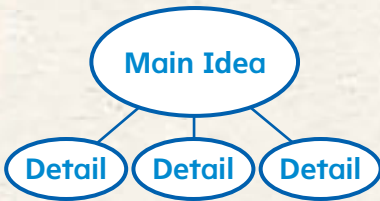
3.  How does our Constitution help us?

All About Laws

Lesson 3

Reading Skill

Main Idea and Details



Laws for Our Country

Some laws are made for everyone in our country to follow. Other laws are made for our states and communities.

Everyone in the United States looks to see what the traffic light shows us. When we walk to a corner and the light is red, we stop!



When do you stop at a corner?

Places

The Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

The laws for our country are made in the Capitol Building. It is located in Washington, D.C.



State and Community Laws



In many states, like Michigan, we wear seat belts when we ride in a car. This law keeps us safe.

In Wichita, Kansas, it is the law to keep our sidewalks clear. This makes it safe for people to walk.



Sally has fun shoveling the snow in the winter. That way, people won't slip and fall!



How does a clear sidewalk keep people safe?

Check Understanding




1. **Vocabulary** Why do we have **laws**?

2. **Main Idea and Details**

Tell about a law in your community. How does it help people?



3.  How do laws keep us safe?



Citizenship


Democracy in Action

Being Fair


We need to be fair to get along with each other. Read what Charles said when there were only two apples for four people.



Charles helped to make things fair.
What would you do?



I want my own
apple!



We can cut
them so we
can all share.

Lesson 4

Vocabulary

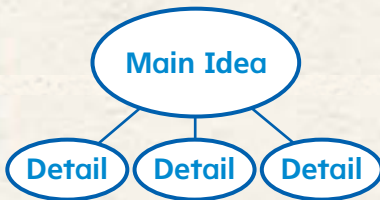
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What Can Citizens Do?



Good Citizens

The people who belong to our country are called **citizens**. Good citizens follow the laws of their country, state, and community.

Good citizens also help others. They work to make their neighborhoods and communities better and safer.



What is a citizen?



A Class Vote

Sometimes we do not all agree. A fair way to decide is to **vote**. A vote is a choice that can be counted.

Ms. Bell's class could not agree on a name for their class pet. Some wanted *Fluffy* and others wanted *Doodles*. Ms. Bell decided that a class vote was a fair way to choose the name.





This **picture graph** shows how Ms. Bell's class voted. A picture graph uses pictures to show the number of things. This one shows how many children voted for the names *Fluffy* and *Doodles*.



Did more children vote for *Doodles* or for *Fluffy*?



Voting for Leaders

When a citizen is 18 years old, he or she can vote for new laws and government leaders. Voting is one more way to be a good citizen.

This man is going into a *voting booth*. A voting booth is a place to vote.



Around the World

Mauritius is an island country next to Africa. The people there vote for new laws and leaders. When Noor grows up, she will vote for laws and leaders, too.



Voting is important.
When a citizen votes he
or she helps to choose what
happens in our country.

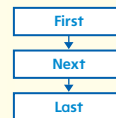


**Why is voting a fair way
to choose something?**

Check Understanding



- 1. Vocabulary** What does a good **citizen** do?
- 2. Sequence** What can people do when they don't agree?
- 3. The Big Idea** What makes a good citizen?



Our Leaders

Lesson 5

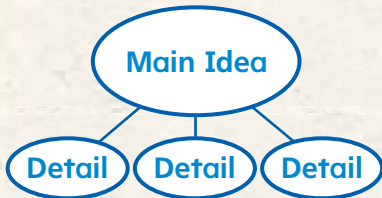
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governor

mayor

Reading Skill

Main Idea and
Details



The President

Our President is the leader of our country. The President's job is to make sure that people in our country follow our country's laws.

The President lives in Washington, D.C. He lives and works in the White House.



What does the President do?



White House



Oval Office





Governors

A **governor** is the leader of a state. The governor's job is to make sure that people follow that state's laws. The governor also works with others. He or she helps people in the state get services they need.

Jennifer Granholm is the governor of Michigan. She works in the Michigan State Capitol building. It is in the city of Lansing.

Many people in Michigan need jobs. Governor Granholm cares about them. She is working hard to get more jobs for the people of Michigan.



What is a governor?



Community Leaders



The **mayor** is the leader of a community. He or she works in a building called city hall.

The mayor makes sure that people follow the laws of the community. He or she works with police to keep people safe.

People

Mayor Abdul Haidous

Abdul Haidous is the mayor of Wayne, Michigan. He is the first Arab American mayor in our country. He says, "I am grateful to live in the greatest nation on Earth."



The mayor cares about all of the people in a community. His or her job is to make life better for everyone.



What is a mayor?

Check Understanding



1. **Vocabulary** What does a **governor** do?

2. **Sequence** What does the President do?


First



Next



Last

3.  Why is a mayor's job important?

Map and Globe Skills

Use Directions

Vocabulary

directions

Directions tell us which way to go. North, south, east, and west are directions. These directions help us to find places.



Look at the map of Michigan on page 30. Touch the arrow that says south.

Now, move your finger up to the arrow that says north. In what direction are you moving?



Try the Skill

1. What are **directions**?
2. In what direction would you travel to get from the Henry Ford Museum to the Tulip Time Festival?



Writing Activity Write about a trip you have taken. Tell the directions.

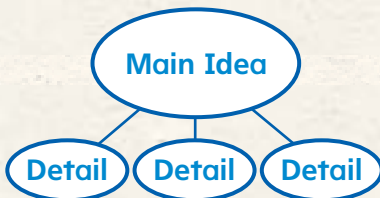
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flag

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Details



Symbols of Our Country

The Statue of Liberty

We have special symbols that show we are proud of our country. The Statue of Liberty is a symbol of our country's freedom.

The Statue of Liberty was a gift to America from France. It was so big it had to be sent in hundreds of pieces!



What statue is a symbol of our freedom?



Our Flag

A **flag** is a cloth with colors or pictures on it. We celebrate our country with the American flag.

Our flag is a symbol of our country. The colors on our flag are red, white, and blue. Our flag has 50 stars. There is a star for each one of our states.



We treat our flag with care. We wave our flag. We say the *Pledge of Allegiance* to it. To pledge allegiance means to promise to be loyal.

The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



What do the stars on our flag stand for?



The Bald Eagle

The bald eagle is another symbol of our country. It is big and strong. Our country is big and strong, too.



bald eagle

Presidential Seal



It is easy to find pictures of the bald eagle. It is on the seal that stands for our President. The bald eagle is on mailboxes and mail trucks. It is even on a quarter!



quarter



What does the bald eagle stand for?

Check Understanding



1. **Vocabulary** What is a **flag**?

2. **Main Idea and Details**

What is on our country's flag?



3.



What are some symbols that stand for our country?



Unit 5

Review and Assess

Vocabulary

Complete each sentence.

vote

picture graph

directions

1. We use _____ to tell us which way to go.
2. A choice that can be counted is called a _____ .
3. A _____ uses pictures to show the number of things.

Critical Thinking

4. How is voting a fair way to decide what to do?
5. Why is the Constitution important?



Skill

Map and Globe Skills

Look at the direction arrows on the map of Oklahoma.



6. In what direction would you travel to get from Black Mesa State Park to Tulsa Air and Space Museum?
- A. north
 - B. south
 - C. east



Government Activity

Vote for a Class Flag

1 Our country has a flag. Your class can have a flag, too.



2 Tell which symbols you would like to see on your flag.



3 Vote for the symbol you like best.

4 Use the symbol to draw your class flag.



Picture Glossary

C

citizen A citizen is a person who belongs to a country. (page 19)



D

directions Directions tell us which way to go. (page 30)



F

flag A flag is a cloth with colors or pictures on it. (page 34)



G

government A government is the group of people who run a country. (page 9)



G

governor A governor is the leader of a state. (page 26)



H

holiday A **holiday** is a day to celebrate, or remember, a famous person or event. (page 7)

**L**

law A **law** is a rule in government. (page 10)

**M**

mayor A **mayor** is the leader of a community. (page 28)

**P**

picture graph A **picture graph** is a graph that uses pictures to show the number of things. (page 21)

**V**

vote A **vote** is a choice that can be counted. (page 20)



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