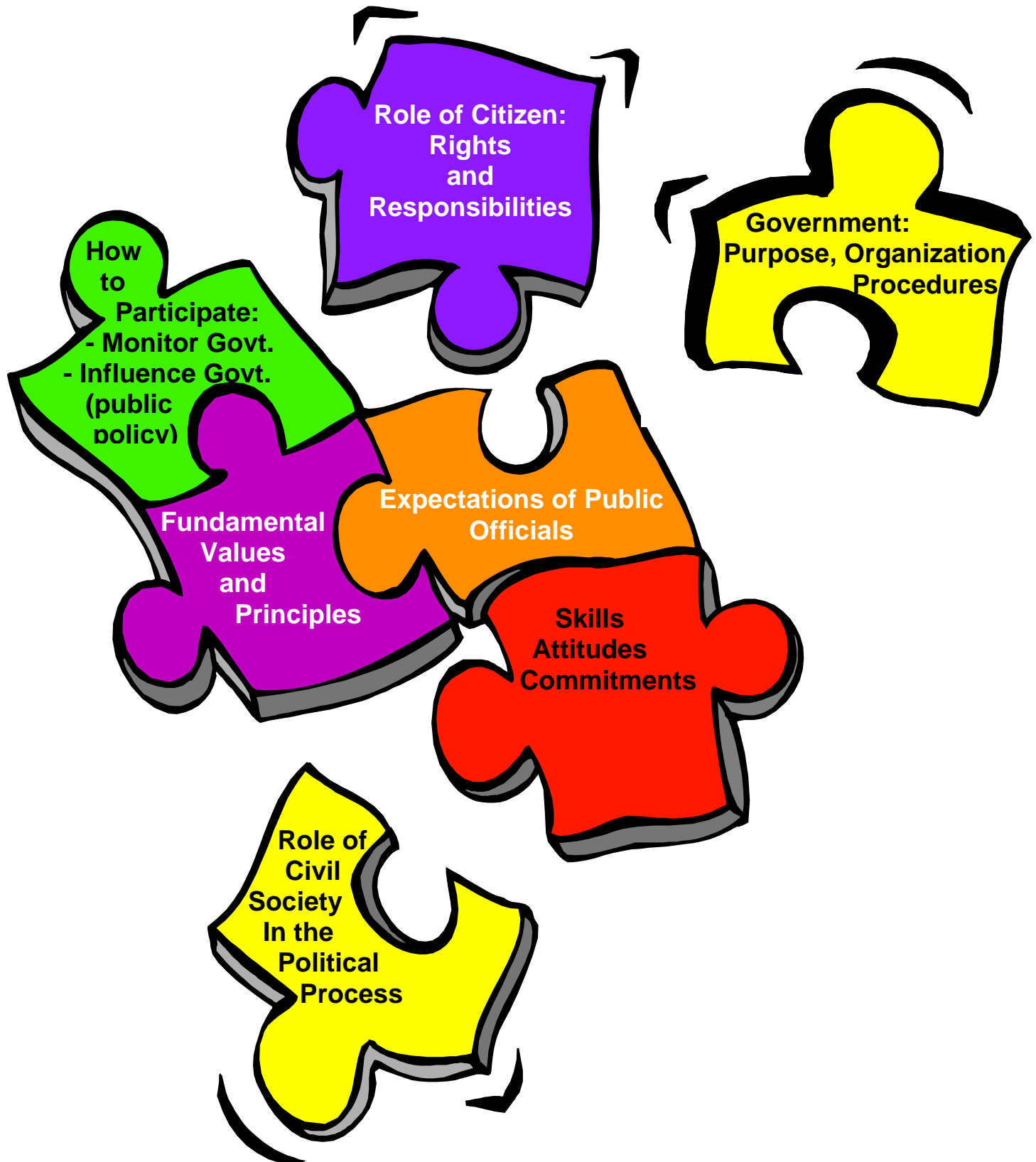




Content of Project Citizen



What content is taught in *Project Citizen*?

1. **Role of Citizen: Right and Responsibilities**
2. **Expectations of Public Officials**
3. **Government: Purpose, Organization, and Procedures**
4. **Role of Civil Society in the Political Process**
5. **How to Participate: Monitoring Government and Influencing Government (Public Policy)**

6. **Fundamental Values and Principles**

Values:

- Protecting Individual Rights
- Protecting life including the quality of life
- Protecting liberty or freedom
- Promoting justice
- Providing equality of opportunity
- Respecting diversity
- Seeking the truth
- Promoting the good of all people-the common good

Principles:

- The people as the ultimate source of authority of government
- People working in government are the servants of the people, not their masters
- All people must obey the laws
- The powers of people in government are limited to protect the rights of the people
- The powers of government are separated among different branches
- Different branches of government can stop other branches from breaking the laws limiting their powers
- No people are deprived of their rights just because of their sex, religion, language, nationality, or being in the minority
- The courts can stop other branches of government from doing things that break the laws limiting their powers and/or unfairly deprive people of their rights.

7. **Skills/Attitudes and traits of Character**

Skills:

- Identify problems in the community
- Describing problems
- Explaining problems
- Evaluating positions on problems
- Taking a position on a problem
- the government to accept your position on a problem
- Defending your position on a problem
- Finding out what your government is doing about a problem
- Influencing

Attitudes and Traits of Character:

- Individual Responsibility
- Self Discipline / Self-Governance
- Civility
- Courage
- Respect for the rights of other individuals
- Respect of Law
- Honesty
- Open mindedness
- Critical mindedness
- Negotiation and Compromise
- Persistency
- Civic mindedness
- Compassion
- Patriotism

