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## October Civics and History Activity

Go to <http://www.mrsoshouse.com/ext/octcivics.html>

1. On October 28, 1701, William Penn wrote Pennsylvania's 1701 Charter of Privileges. Why are they important?

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2. John Adams was born October 19th. What events influenced him to support the Revolution?

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3. Historically, on the last Sunday in October, many people would "fall back", setting their clocks back one hour. A Pennsylvanian originally proposed making good use of daylight in his essay *An Economical Project*. Who was the author?

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Why do we change the clocks "springing forward" and "falling backward" each year?

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How does this impact your schedule? \_\_\_\_\_

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Optional Look into it - The Energy Act of 2005 changed Daylight Savings Time. Which changes are important to employers?

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**Use your Internet researching skills to answer these questions.**

4. Get the facts about the October born U.S. Presidents of the 19th Century.  
(I have given the answers, for a recent president, as an example)

Name	Date Took Office	Length of time as President	Remembered For:
George W. Bush	1/20/2001	8 years, two terms	Bush Doctrine - If the U.S. feels threatened by another country, the U.S. will attack them, even if they have not attacked the U.S.

5. On October 28th 1886, her dedication took place in front of thousands of spectators. She was a gift from France to the United States. Who is she?

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Where is she located today? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do the spikes in her crown represent? \_\_\_\_\_

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Fascinating facts: Her creator said she symbolized freedom and commemorated the alliance between France and the United States during the Revolutionary War. The statue depicts a woman escaping the chains of tyranny bearing the torch of "liberty". On the tablet she bears is written JULY IV MDCCLXXVI (July 4, 1776 in Roman numerals). At the feet of the statue lie broken shackles of oppression and tyranny.

6. The first in a series of eighty-five essays by "Publius" appeared in the *New York Independent Journal* on October 27, 1787.

What are these essays now called? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was "Publius"? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the goal in writing the essays? \_\_\_\_\_

How was the goal achieved? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Use the resources at Ben's Guide to the U. S. Government for Kids to answer this question.

In October, the Supreme Court begins its work each year. How are the Supreme Court Justices chosen?

How long do they serve? \_\_\_\_\_

Compare: What is the maximum length of time a president can serve? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What are initiatives and referendums in government? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Does your state allow initiatives or referendums? \_\_\_\_\_  
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If yes, name a recent initiative or referendum in your state. \_\_\_\_\_  
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If no, do you believe initiative or referendum should be allowed in your state? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Be a history detective. On October 13, 1792, George Washington laid the corner stone for a building. Here is the advertisement announcing a prize for the best design plans for the building. James Hoban won.

What is the building called today? \_\_\_\_\_

When was this building finished? \_\_\_\_\_

What is its address? \_\_\_\_\_  
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"As long as the differences and diversities of mankind exist, democracy must allow for compromise, for accommodation, and for the recognition of differences." Eugene McCarthy

Challenges:

1. Identify a famous or significant place in your state or local area. Write a “how” or “why” question about it and the answer.

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2. Check out the history related museums that are located in your state. Which one would you like to visit? Explain why.

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