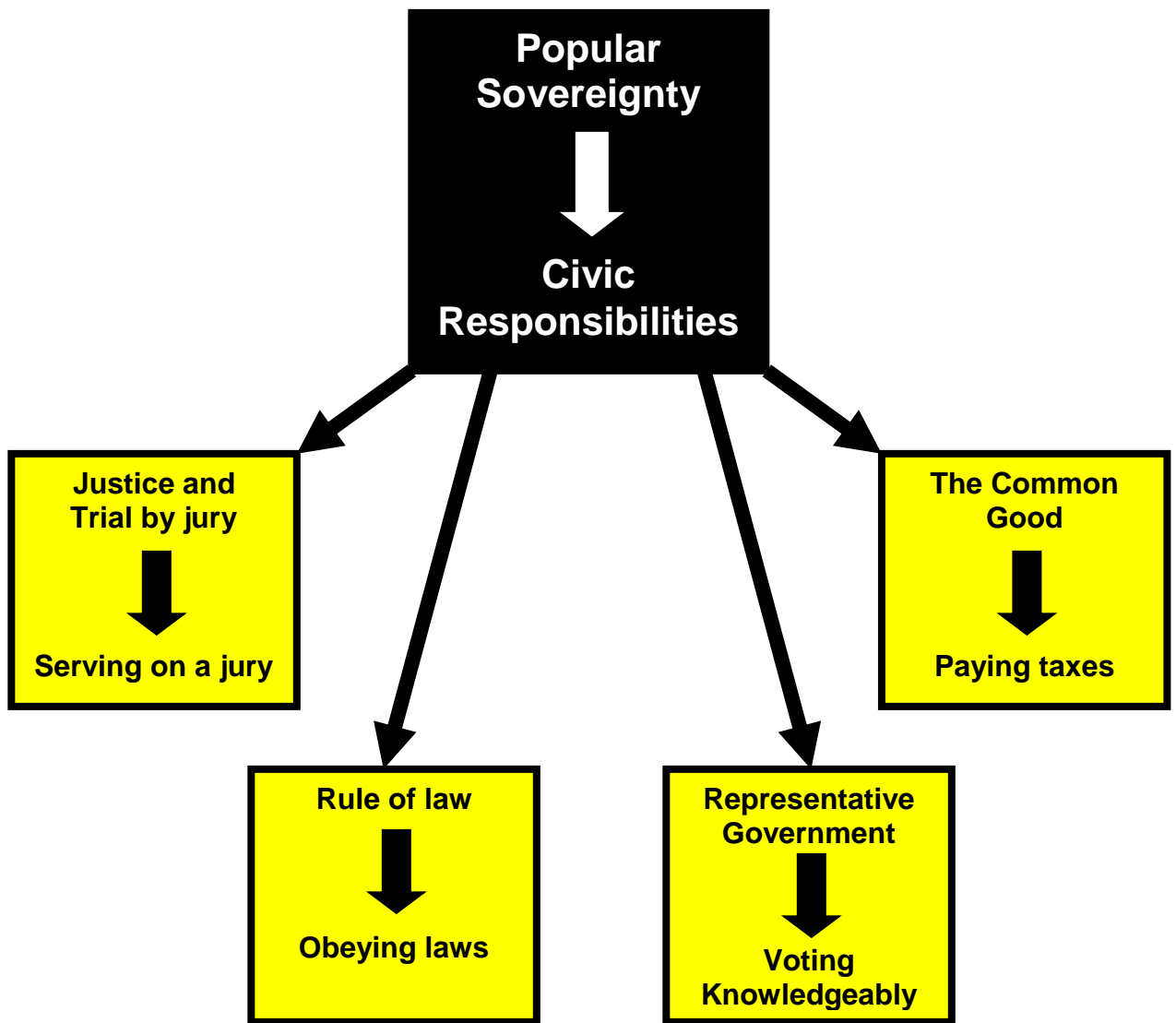


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Big Ideas Card

Big Ideas of Lesson 2, Unit 6

1. Popular sovereignty, which means the people hold the power of government, is one of our most important core democratic values.
2. Because people hold the power of government they have many civic responsibilities. These responsibilities are connected to other democratic values and principles.
3. Because we value justice and the right to a fair trial, citizens have the responsibility to serve on a jury.
4. Because we value the rule of law, citizens must respect and obey our laws.
5. Because we value the common good, citizens must pay taxes in order for the government to provide services that benefit everyone.
6. Because we believe in the principle of representative government, citizens have the responsibility to register to vote and vote knowledgeably.

Word Cards

9 popular sovereignty



the power and authority of the government comes from the people

Example: Popular sovereignty is an important core democratic value.

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10 the common good



people working together for the benefit of everybody

Example: When you help clean up in the classroom you are doing something for the common good.

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11 rule of law



everyone, including the people who run the government, must obey the laws

Example: Communities, states and countries have laws.

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12 justice

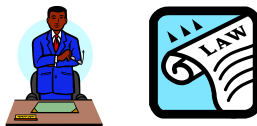


another word for fairness

Example: Justice means that people should be treated fairly.

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13 representative government



a form of government where people choose representatives to make decisions for them

Example: In a representative government people elect people to make decisions for them.

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14 civic responsibilities



things citizens are supposed to do

Example: Civic responsibilities include obeying laws, voting and paying taxes.

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15 jury



a group of citizens who listen to the evidence at a trial and decide if the law has been broken

Example: The jury listened carefully as evidence was presented.

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16 public goods and services

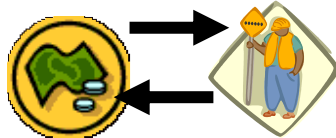


goods and services that are produced by a government

Example: Repairing roads and building schools are examples of public goods and services.

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17 taxes



what people pay to a government in exchange for services like schools and road repair

Example: People pay taxes to a government. Then, the government uses the tax money to do things like fix roads.

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18 republic



a government not led by a hereditary rule (leaders based on birth), but where people hold the power of government and choose leaders to make decisions

Example: Our government is a republic.

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19 voting



the way leaders are chosen in our country

Example: Voting knowledgeably is one of our most important civic responsibilities.

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