

Civics Unit Essay 1

America has 50 states. Together, they make a union. Each state joined the union at a different time. When a state joins the union, we say it has “statehood.”

None of the states are the same. Some have mostly industry and others have mostly agriculture. Some states have a higher population than others. Also, the median income of each state is different.

All states have a governor. The governor of a state is like the president of the United States. He or she must govern his or her state with help from the state legislature and the state judiciary. If the governor does a good job, he or she is re-elected in states where governors can hold office for two consecutive terms.

Vocabulary

agriculture

consecutive

govern

industry

judiciary*

legislature*

median income

join

population

re-elected

statehood

union