



**University of Southern Indiana**  
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**Citizenship in the World Merit Badge**  
**Pre-Requisites**

**#3 Do the following:**

- (a) Pick a current world event. In relation to this current event, discuss with your counselor how a country's national interest and its relationship with other countries might affect areas such as its security, its economy, its values, and the health of its citizens.
- (b) Select a foreign country and discuss with your counselor how its geography, natural resources, and climate influence its economy and its global partnerships with other countries.

**4. Do TWO of the following:**

- (b) Using resources such as major daily newspapers, the internet (with your parent or guardian's permission), and news magazines, observe a current issue that involves international trade, foreign exchange, balance of payments, tariffs, and free trade. Explain what you have learned. Include in your discussion an explanation of why countries must cooperate in order for world trade and global competition to thrive.

**7. Do TWO of the following (with your parent or guardian's permission) and share with your counselor what you have learned:**

- (a) Visit the website of the U.S. State Department. Learn more about an issue you find interesting that is discussed on this website.
- (b) Visit the website of an international news organization or foreign government, OR examine a foreign newspaper available at your local library, bookstore, or newsstand. Find a news story about a human right realized in the United States that is not recognized in another country.
- (c) Visit with a student or Scout from another country and discuss the typical values, holidays, ethnic foods, and traditions practiced or enjoyed there.

(d) Attend or participate in a World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM) event such as the World Scout Jamboree, World Scout Moot, World Scout Congress, Jamboree Over The Air, or Jamboree Over The Internet. Attendance at a national or regional Jamboree sponsored by a WOSM-National Scout Organization is also allowed.

(e) Participate in or attend an international event in your area, such as an ethnic festival, concert, or play.

## **Citizenship in the World Merit Badge Resources**

### **Citizenship in the World Workbook Link**