Oklahoma Bar Association Law Day 2023 Writing Prompts – Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration

The questions below are designed to accompany the 2019 Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies published by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Numbers in parentheses represent the specific objective from those standards. The standards can be found at https://bit.ly/3yfGDd7.

Grade	Standards	Prompt
1	American Heroes (1.3.1)	Why is it important to be nice to people?
2	Our Democratic Heritage	What is something you can do to help the
	(2.1.5)	community?
3	Oklahoma Studies (3.3.8)	How can people work together when they have different views or ideas?
4	U.S. Studies (broad): Regional Geography and History (4.1.1)	Why is it important to vote? What is the impact of voting?
5	U.S. Studies: Structure and Responsibilities of American Government (5.5.1)	Describe the three branches of government. Why is it important to have three branches instead of just one?
6	World Geography: Western Hemisphere (6.3.6)	Describe the responsibilities of citizens of the United States and explain why it is important for citizens to fulfill those responsibilities.
7	World Geography: Eastern Hemisphere (7.5.6)	Describe a multinational organization in the Eastern Hemisphere, including its basic history and purpose, and explain why it was important for multiple nations to collaborate for that purpose.
8	Created the United States: Foundation, Formation and Transformation of the American Nation, 1754 to 1877 (8.12.1)	Explain the plans and policies of the Reconstruction Era and the purpose of reconstruction.

High School	Oklahoma History and Government (OKH.4.7)	Describe a service that is funded by the government. Explain how it is funded by the government and why it is important for the government to fund that service.
	Sociology (S.6.2)	Describe how collective behavior can influence and change society and why those changes are important to the preservation of democracy.
	U.S. Government (USG.5.1)	Explain the history of a specific civic duty for citizens and why it is important for citizens to participate in that specific civic duty.
	U.S. History (USH.7.1.C)	Choose an individual in the Civil Rights Movement and explain how their actions demonstrate the values of civics, civility and collaboration.
	World History	Describe a multinational organization, including its basic history and purpose, and explain how the collaboration of multiple nations has had a positive impact on the world.
	World Human Geography (WG.4 generally)	Discuss the evolution of a country's government that has become more democratic through the participation of the country's citizens. Explain how it is more democratic now than it was previously.

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