



Girl Scouts Ambassador Citizen Badge Troop Leader Guide

Welcome to the Clinton Presidential Library! To earn your “Public Policy” badge today, you’ll need to complete the five activities listed on this worksheet and have an adult witness sign it. Good luck and have fun!

1) Find out how activists advocate for change. (3rd floor, “The Early Years”)

Read about women who changed the course of U.S. History. Hillary Clinton is one such woman. Look at her biography and the work of the First ladies in general. Write down some of the issues that are important to her.

Answer: Hillary Clinton was very concerned with child care, women’s rights and human rights. She also worked to encourage adoptions, better education and better healthcare.

2) Engage as a global citizen. (3rd floor, “The Work Continues”)

Explore an international NGO (non-governmental organization). The Clinton Foundation is a NGO. Visit “The Work Continues” exhibit on the third floor. Write down a couple of ways that the Clinton Foundation works internationally to make the world a better place.

Example of an answer: “The Clinton Foundation works to reduce economic differences, invests in people by educating or teaching a vocation, reversing deforestation and providing access to medical care.”

3) Dig into a national or state public policy. (2nd floor, “Alcove Exhibits”)

Track your issue. Pick an alcove on second floor and learn more about an issue important to President Clinton. While exploring the alcove, look at the letters written to President Clinton about the issue. Why do you think the issue is important? What would you have said to President Clinton about it?

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Example of an answer: "President Clinton worked with the Ireland and Britain in an attempt to bring a lasting peace between them. It is important that President Clinton attempted mediation because innocent people were dying in the crossfire of the two groups. I would have congratulated President Clinton in my letter for acknowledging a large problem and stepping up to attempt mediation in order to stop the violence."

4) Explore local or community policy. (Location: 2nd floor, "Alcove Exhibits")

Many local policies are influenced by national initiatives. Visit the "Learning Across A Lifetime" or "Making Communities Safer" alcove. Write down an example of a national program that had an impact on a local issue.

Example of an answer: "The Brady Law required background checks to purchase firearms. Many Arkansans own guns; this law does not take away their firearms or the right to purchase them. It works to keep firearms out of the hands of people who do not need them."

5) See public policy in action. (Location: 2nd floor, "Timeline")

Shadow a policy-maker. Select a day from President Clinton's schedule and consider the following: What is a typical day for the President? Make a note of how many meetings the President attends.

Example of an answer: "On May 10, 2000, President Clinton attended ten meetings throughout the day. He had almost every moment of his day scheduled which did not leave him any free time."

Activities completed by _____

On ___/___/20__

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