

Picture Books for Big Kids offers a lesson plan for each of the ten Core Democratic Values.



The ten Core Democratic Values are:



Life



Liberty



Equality



Patriotism



Truth



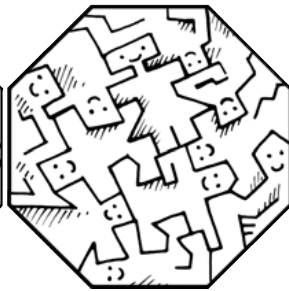
Common  
Good



Justice



Pursuit of  
Happiness



Diversity



Popular  
Sovereignty

Much more information about the core values of American constitutional democracy, along with many valuable resources for teachers, is available at the web site of the Center for Civic Education ([www.civiced.org](http://www.civiced.org)), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization which promotes the education of citizens in democratic principles and practices in America and abroad.

In its Mission Statement, the Center cites this 1820 statement by Thomas Jefferson:

*I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society  
but the people themselves;  
and if we think them not enlightened enough  
to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion,  
the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion.*