Children Learn about Government on Websites

New Jersey’s Chief Justice is Stuart Rabner. The New Jersey Judiciary webpage links to the following sites for educating children about government:

This site at http://bensguide.gpo.gov/ is geared to various age levels Kindergarten through Grade 12. For example, topics for grades 3-5 include:
- Your Neighborhood and Beyond
- Our Nation
- Historical Documents
- Branches of Government
- How Laws Are Made
- National versus State Government
- Election Process
- Citizenship
- Symbols of U.S. Government
- Games and Activities
- Glossary
- U.S. Government Web Sites for Kids

The site is provided by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office.

One of the interactive games is "Place the States" at http://bensguide.gpo.gov/k-2/games/interactive.html

Another New Jersey link:

This site was developed and is maintained by the Federal Citizen Information Center. It provides links to Federal kids’ sites along with some of the best kids’ sites from other organizations. Topics include:
- Arts
- Careers
- Computers
- Fighting Crime
- Fun Stuff
- Geography
- Global Village
- Government Health
- History
- Homework
- Money
- Music
- Plants and Animals
- Recreation
- Safety Science and Math
- Space
- State Websites
- Transportation.

Some of the available articles:

- Law-4-Kids - Here is an introduction to questions you may have about our legal system.

- Fact Finder Kids’ Corner - Learn about the U.S. Census, get facts about your state, and have fun with quiz questions.

- Constitution of the United States - This is a great site to view high resolution scans of the original, signed Constitution; read an essay about the Constitutional convention; learn dozens of fascinating facts about the Constitution; and learn about each of the signers at this site from the National Archives and Records Administration.

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives’ Kids Page - (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) - This agency helps protect the public and reduce crime. Learn about the famous FBI agent Eliot Ness and how dogs are used in bomb detection.

- Understanding Taxes for Students - The IRS has developed an interactive, instructional tax program called Understanding Taxes to provide the general public with a technology-based instructional tool. Divided into two areas of content, Understanding Taxes offers both print and online materials to help you learn more about the history, theory, and application of taxes in the United States.

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The Judicial Family Institute (JFI) has other articles helpful to judges’ households at http://jfi.ncsconline.org/children.html