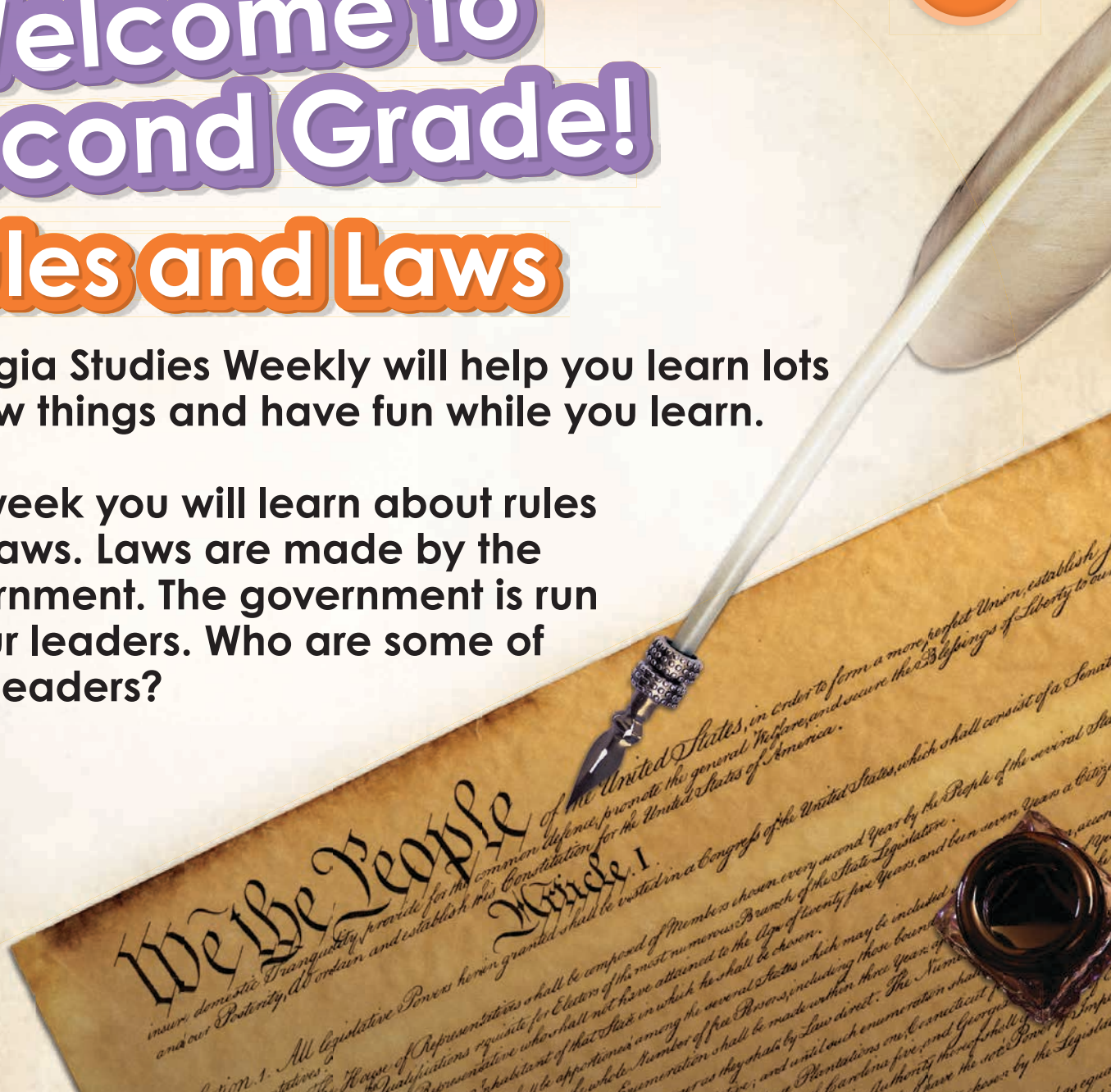# Georgia Studies Weekly

MY STATE, GEORGIA

GRADE 2

Welcome to Second Grade!

Rules and Laws

Georgia Studies Weekly will help you learn lots of new things and have fun while you learn.

This week you will learn about rules and laws. Laws are made by the government. The government is run by our leaders. Who are some of your leaders?

Rules and Laws

Why do we need rules and laws? What would a game be like if there were no rules? You would not know how to play. How would you know who won? Rules are important when you play. Rules help make sports and games fair.

Our government makes rules that are fair for all people.

You are probably not allowed to run in the school. That rule keeps us from getting hurt. There may be a rule that you raise your hand before you talk. That rule helps us listen and learn.

Laws are important rules made by our nation, our state and our community. We vote for the people who make our laws.

If you do not follow a law, that is called breaking the law.

If you break some kinds of laws, you may get a ticket. That means you have to pay money. The money you pay is called a fine.

If you break other kinds of laws, you may have to go to court or even to jail. Breaking the law is a crime.

Always follow laws.

Rules and laws make our lives easy and safe. Can you think of rules at school that make your life easier or safer? Your government makes rules and laws that make life easy and safe.

Everyone has responsibilities. Students have to do their best in school. Adults work, pay taxes and vote. Parents take care of their children. Good citizens follow the rules and laws.

Adults make rules to help you and to keep you safe. If you break a family rule, you don't pay a fine. You don't go to jail. But, you may be in trouble. Have adults at home ever taken away something you enjoy because you broke a rule?

ACTIVITY PAGE

Name _____

Read the sentences, then look at the pictures below. Write the number of the sentence under the picture it describes.

1. This person is voting.

2. This person is following school rules.

3. This person broke a law.

4. This person broke a rule at home.

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What is the main idea of this week's paper? Mark the letter of the correct answer.

A. People don't like to follow rules.

B. Rules and laws help us and keep us safe.

C. Parents take care of their children.

D. People shouldn't drive fast.

Draw a picture of yourself following a rule.