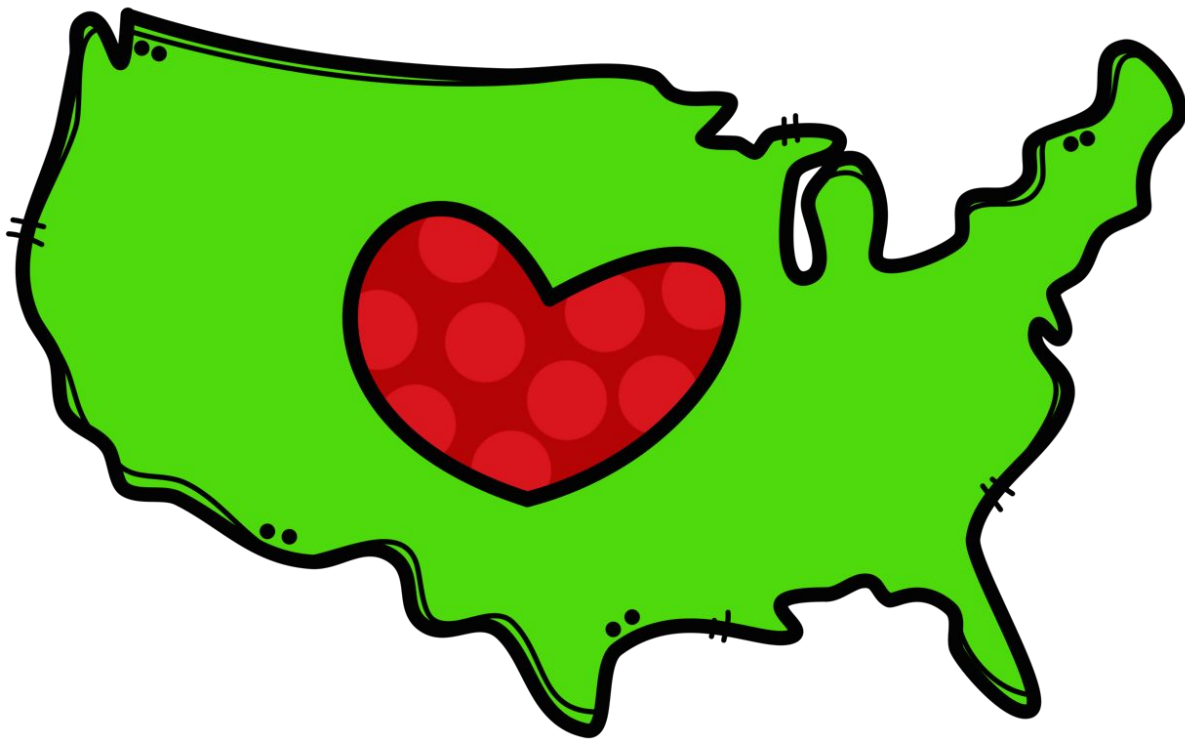


Citizenship: Responsibilities

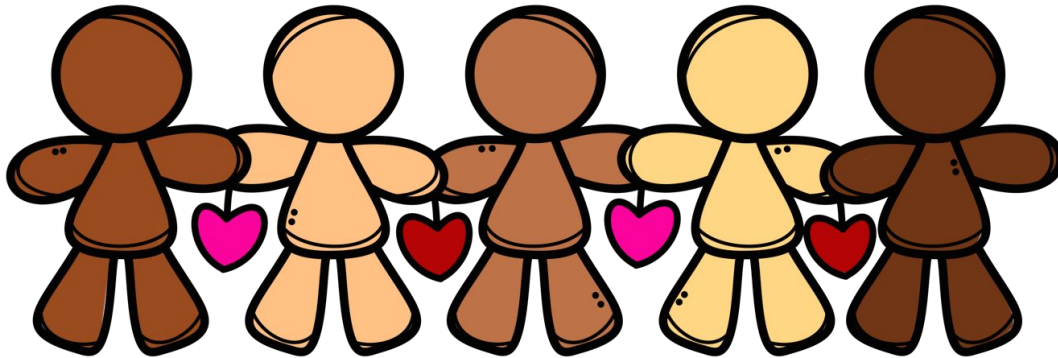
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Responsibilities of Citizens



Citizens belong to a **community**, a place where people live, work, and play. Being a citizen brings freedoms and protections from the community to which you belong, but along with those freedoms and protections comes responsibilities. **Responsibilities** are things you are expected to do. We have responsibilities at home, at school, and in the community. As citizens, we are expected to follow rules and laws to help keep people safe and maintain order.

There are many responsibilities you may have at school. Can you think of an example of responsibilities you have in your classroom or in the cafeteria? In the classroom, your teacher may ask for your vote in making decisions such as developing classroom rules, choosing a class reward, or deciding on an activity. This act of voting is an example of a responsibility. When you complete assignments, you are expected to be honest by doing your own work. Honesty can also be seen when there is a conflict and your teacher asks for you to explain what happened. Being honest over a period of time shows the **trustworthiness** of a person, the ability for people to believe the things you say and do. Students are expected to control themselves and do the right thing, also known as **self-discipline**.

At home and in the community, you have many responsibilities as well. Your parents may have you take out the trash or keep your room clean. You are expected to respect the property of your siblings by treating it the way you would treat your own things. In the community, you are charged with this same responsibility of respecting and protecting the rights and property of others. For example, citizens are not to enter the homes of others without permission or take things from businesses without paying for them. Citizens have the responsibility to take care of themselves when possible. For example, when you are old enough to have a job to earn money and are physically able to do so, it is your responsibility to provide for yourself. This responsibility is called **self-reliance**. While people should always aim to help others, citizens should not solely rely on others to do things they themselves are capable of.

1. A community is ---

- a. a place to have fun and learn things.
- b. a place where people live.
- c. a place where people live, work, and play.
- d. something you do when you're on vacation.

2. Which question can be answered in paragraph 2?

- a. Why do citizens need to follow rules and laws?
- b. How does a citizen show trustworthiness?
- c. How many responsibilities do you have at school?
- d. What is an example of responsibility you may have at home?

3. Which two words use the suffix *-ed* the same way as it is used in the word expected in paragraph 1?

- a. jumped
- b. fed
- c. thrilled
- d. friend

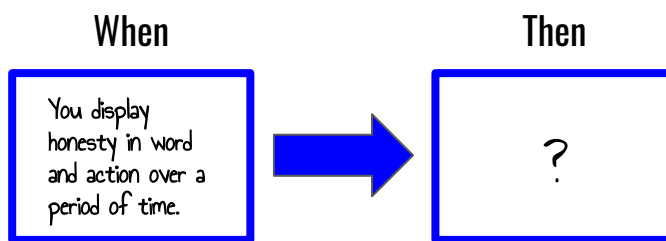
4. The word developing as used in paragraph 1 most likely means ---

- a. leaving
- b. making
- c. copying
- d. working

5. Self-reliance is shown ---

- a. when you count on others to do things for you.
- b. when you do what is expected of you.
- c. when you do what you are able to do to take care of yourself.
- d. when you are honest over a period of time.

6. Select the answer that best completes the chart.



- a. You demonstrate the responsibility of protection of people and property.
- b. You demonstrate the responsibility of self-reliance.
- c. You demonstrate the responsibility of trustworthiness.
- d. You demonstrate the responsibility of voting.

7. Paragraph 2 is mostly about ---

- a. ways a citizen can show responsibility in the home and in the community.
- b. the importance of protecting the rights and property of other citizens.
- c. the responsibilities citizens have at school.
- d. the importance of responsibilities at school and examples of these types of responsibilities. .

8. From reading this passage, the reader can conclude that self-discipline is an important responsibility because ---

- a. Without self-discipline, people will follow the rules.
- b. Without self-discipline, there may be chaos because everyone will be doing whatever they feel like.
- c. With self-discipline, people are not concerned about doing the right thing.
- d. With self-discipline, people make up their own rules.

9. Select 2 synonyms for the word aim as it is used in paragraph 3.

- a. try
- b. avoid
- c. neglect
- d. desire

10. Owen wants to do his research report on the responsibilities of a citizen in the community. Select the 3 best choices of words he should enter into a search engine to work on his report. Circle your answers.

report	laws	community	responsibility	citizen	voting
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Answer Key

1. c
2. b
3. a and c
4. b
5. c
6. c
7. d
8. b
9. a and d
10. community, responsibility, citizen

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