

Name: _____ Grade: 4th Highschool

OBJECTIVES: - to develop reading comprehension

I) Reading

Responsibilities of Citizenship

Cross-Curricular Focus: Social Sciences

You are a citizen of the country you were born in. Usually, citizens live in their country as loyal members of society. Many countries also have options so people who are not natural-born citizens can become citizens of that country. When they complete the requirements, they are called naturalized citizens.

As a citizen of your country, you have some rights, duties and **responsibilities**. U.S. law guarantees the rights of all citizens. It doesn't matter what U.S. state the citizen lives in, the rights are the same for all citizens. This is because the U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land. The rights of citizens of the United States are protected in the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights is the first ten **amendments** to the U.S. Constitution. A citizen has the right to speak freely and the right to religious freedom. A citizen who is accused of a crime has a right to a fair trial and a trial with a jury.

In exchange for their rights, citizens have duties and responsibilities. They have a duty to serve on a jury when asked. They should obey all laws. In wartime, they must serve in the armed forces when required to. They must pay taxes to support the services and programs of the government. Good citizens vote in **elections** to express their opinion on how the government should be run.

In addition to a national **citizenship**, people are citizens of a state and a city. They have similar rights and responsibilities in each level of citizenship.

1) Identify if the information is true or false.

- 1- _____ People who are not natural-born citizens can become citizens of that country without requirements.
- 2- _____ As citizen of a country you have rights, duties and responsibilities.
- 3- _____ The rights don't apply for all the citizens as equal.
- 4- _____ According to the Bill of Rights, a criminal must be sent to jail when he is accused of a crime.
- 5- _____ In wartime, citizens must serve in the armed forces when they are required to.

2) Circle the correct answer

1. What is a naturalized citizen??

- A) a person who complete the requirements to become a citizen of a country other than the one he was born in.
- B) a person who was born in another country, but his parents live in other country.
- C) A person who was born in a country and his parents too.

2. What are the duties and responsibilities of a citizen?

- A) serve on a jury, obey the laws, serve in the armed forces.
- B) serve on a jury, obey the laws, vote, serve in the armed forces.
- C) serve on a jury, food and water, obey the laws, vote, serve in the armed forces.

3. What are two rights guaranteed to citizens in the U.S. Constitution?

- A) Food, protection and education.
- B) Education and protection.
- C) Speak freely and religious freedom.

3) Answer the following questions

1) In your own words, explain what it means to be a citizen?

En tus propias palabras, ¿Que significa ser una ciudadano?

2) What is the most powerful weapon that citizens have?

¿Cual es el arma mas ponderosa que tienen los ciudadanos?
