# Lesson Note-Taking Organizer

Topic:  American Citizenship.

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| Comprehension Question(s):   1. While taking the Oath of Allegiance to the United States, a person is basically saying that he or she will do what?   Answer: obey the law   1. What is one right that a naturalized citizen does not have?   Answer: She cannot serve as president or vice president of the United States. |

Summary:

What requirements do you need to be a citizen of the United States?

1. Born in the United States, or at least one parent is a citizen of the United States
2. Naturalized, or completed the legal process to be a citizen. Applies for people born outside of the United States
3. You were 18 or younger when your parents were naturalized.

What is the process for becoming a citizen of the United States (being naturalized)?

1. Millions of immigrants, or people who move to another country in order to settle there, have gone through the naturalization process to become a citizen of the United States.
2. Steps:
3. Come to the United States
4. Send numerous documents and attend interviews
5. Receive permission to stay as resident alien, or noncitizen living in country.
6. Wait for 5 years
7. Apply for citizenship by sending more documents
8. Write a test to show that you know American history, government, and English
9. Get interviewed to show you are of “good moral character.”
10. Attend ceremony in front of judge and say this oath:

“I hereby declare, on oath, that … I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States against all enemies … that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same … so help me God.”

What are the rights and responsibilities of citizenship?

1. Rights:
2. Principles of Rights:
3. Apply equally to everybody
4. Examples of Rights:
5. Vote
6. Serve on juries
7. The freedom of press
8. The freedom of religion
9. Responsibilities:
10. Principles of Responsibilities:
11. Reflects national identity
12. Reflects independence
13. Reflects liberty
14. Reflects self-governance
15. Examples of Responsibilities:
16. Obey the law
17. Respect other people’s rights and freedoms
18. Vote

Topic: Citizenship and Democratic Values

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| Comprehension Question(s):   1. What should be a responsible citizen’s first thought when deciding whom to vote for?   Answer: What is best for society?   1. Voting, obeying laws, defending the nation, and serving on juries are examples of what?   Answer: civic responsibilities |

Summary:

What is civic virtue?

1. Civic virtue is the willingness to work for the good of the nation or community even at great sacrifice. You put the nation or community ahead of your own wishes.
2. Examples:
3. Cincinattus, giving up peaceful life on farm to lead Rome
4. George Washington
5. Thomas Jefferson
6. John Adams
7. Without civic virtue, democracy cannot run when individuals only think about themselves.

What are some examples of democratic values?

1. Honesty
2. Compassion
3. Patriotism
4. Meaning:
5. Feeling of love or devotion to one’s country
6. What it does:
7. Inspires Americans to serve nation
8. Encourages us to fulfill ideals set out in Bill of Rights, Constitution, Declaration of Independence
9. Respect
10. Who or What:
11. Ourselves
12. Families
13. Neighbors
14. Other members of community
15. Objects, such as property of others
16. Ideas, such as obeying laws
17. Responsibility
18. Personal:
19. Meaning:
20. Accept responsibility for ourselves and the consequences of our actions or decisions
21. Public:
22. Meaning:
23. Look out for others and ourselves in your community
24. Parents should support their families and teach children, as children depend on parents and families depend on each other
25. Children have a responsibility to learn as students
26. Courage
27. Physical:
28. Meaning:
29. Risk your lives for the good of others
30. Examples:
31. Soldiers
32. Police
33. Firefighters
34. Moral:
35. Meaning:
36. Do the right thing even when it is unpopular, difficult, or dangerous
37. Examples:
38. George Washington
39. Abraham Lincoln
40. Susan B. Anthony
41. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Topic: Responsible Citizenship

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Summary:

What is responsible citizenship?

1. A Responsibility to Vote
2. Meaning:
3. Select people who will represent us in government
4. Be updated on candidates and issues to make good choices
5. The Obligation to Obey Laws and Rules
6. Meaning:
7. Have to obey laws that keep us from hurting one another, regulate contracts, and protect citizens’ rights
8. A Responsibility to Defend the Nation
9. Meaning:
10. Have to Register for the draft, so that government may call them to serve in armed forces.
11. A Duty to Serve on Juries
12. Meaning:
13. Jury duty is when people take time out of their work and personal lives to determine the fate of others.
14. Citizenship Means Participating in the Community
15. Meaning:
16. Improve Community and Help others
17. Examples:
18. David Levitt was in middle school when he created a program to serve needy in his Florida community.
19. You can organize walk-a-thons or bike-a-thons for charity.
20. Volunteer in hospitals or other places where a natural disaster struck. They aid in rescue efforts, donate blood, or contribute money and supplies.
21. A Responsibility to Stay Informed on Public Issues
22. Meaning:
23. You cannot make good decisions about individuals and whom to vote for without knowing what issues they stand on.
24. Examples:
25. Watch television news programs.
26. Read newspapers.
27. Read magazines
28. Read government pamphlets