

Obligations and Responsibilities

The critical role of civic participation!

Benchmarks

SS.7.C.2.2 Evaluate the obligations citizens have to obey laws, pay taxes, defend the nation, and serve on juries.



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➤ What are some of the chores that you have to do and/or the rules that you have to follow in your daily lives?



➤ Try to think of at least 3 or 4!



Obligations and Responsibilities of Citizens

HOW DO CITIZENS PARTICIPATE?

What does that mean?

Obligation/Duty

- An obligation or duty is something you *must* do because of legal requirement

An example? Obey the law!

Responsibility

- A responsibility is something that you are *expected* to do

An example? Vote!

Fulfilling Our Obligations and Responsibilities

- What do we achieve by fulfilling our obligations and responsibilities in our communities?

COMMON GOOD!

The common good is supporting the good of the community as a whole.

Think about ways that we can support the common good in our schools and community. Type one example of this into the chat.

**HOW DO YOU SUPPORT THE
COMMON GOOD?**

What do you think?

What would be the consequences or outcome on society if citizens did not fulfill their responsibilities?

Assignment: Part 1

- Use pg. 124-127 (this PDF is posted on Teams) to complete the charts in today's Word doc assignment.
- Complete the chart asking you to list the different obligations and responsibilities of citizenship and what they mean.

Examples of Obligations/Duties



- Obey the law
- Attend school
- Pay taxes
- Defend the nation
 - Register for **selective service**: draft; required military service during times of need
- Serve on juries



Examples of a civic responsibility:

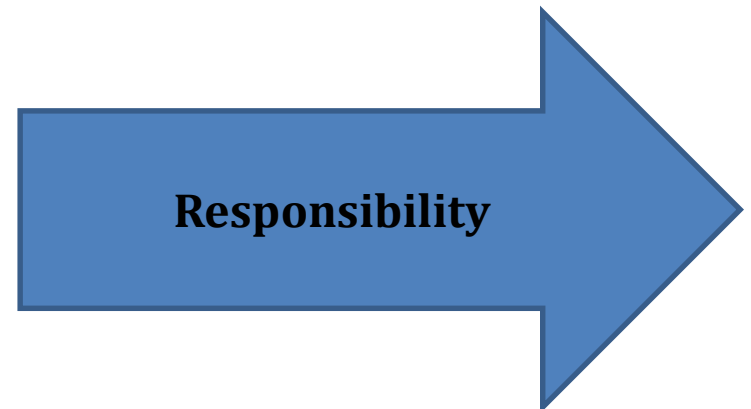
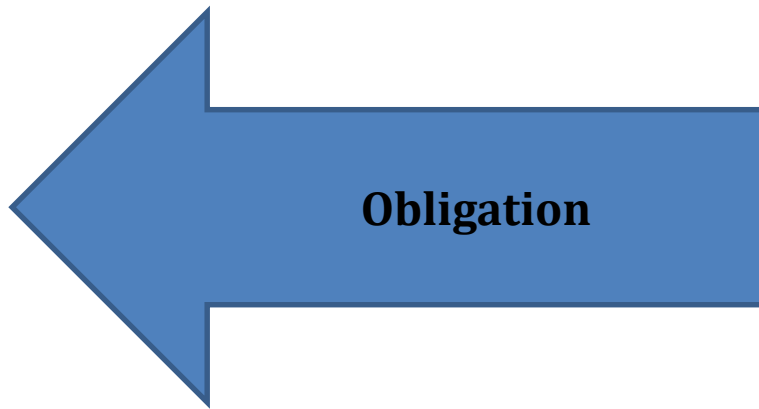


- Voting
- Being informed
- Taking part in government
- Helping your community
- Respecting and protecting the rights of others




Test your knowledge...

1. Read the situation on the slide.
2. If you think it is a responsibility, you will go to the right side of the room.
3. If you think it is an obligation, go to the left side of the room.



Scenario 1

Mark receives a **summons** for jury duty. He serves on a jury for two weeks listening to testimony about a robbery that took place and determining the verdict for the case along with his fellow jurors.

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**Is Mark's service on a jury a responsibility
or an obligation?**

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Obligation!

Florida law states that any person who is summoned to attend as a juror in any court and who fails to attend without any sufficient excuse shall pay a fine not to exceed \$100.



Obligation



Responsibility

Scenario 2

On his 18th birthday, Marshall went online and registered for the selective service. This means that in a crisis requiring a draft, men would be called in sequence determined by random lottery number and year of birth.

Is Marshall's registering the selective service a responsibility or an obligation?

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Obligation!

The **Military Selective Service Act** states that “it is **the duty of every male citizen of the United States**, and every other male person residing in the United States, who, on the day or days fixed for the first or any subsequent registration, **is between the ages of eighteen and twenty-six, to present himself for and submit to registration.**”



Obligation

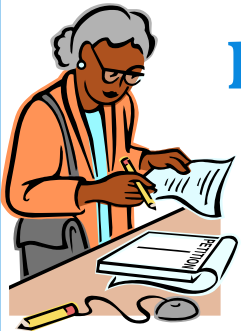


Responsibility

Scenario 3

Shauna did not like a policy that was recently passed by the state legislature. She decided to create a petition supported by members of her community and included a copy of the petition in a letter to her Representative.

Is petitioning the government a responsibility or an obligation?



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Responsibility!

Why is petitioning the government an important civic responsibility?



Obligation



Responsibility

Scenario 4

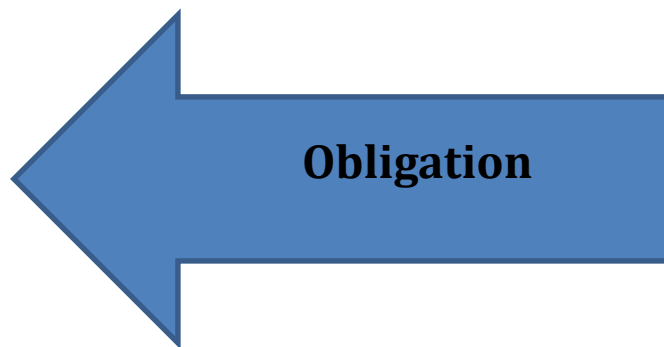
Tax returns are due by midnight April 15th, so long as April 15th is not a weekend. John forgot to complete a tax return and thought it really was not a big deal – he could just wait until next year.

Is the filing of a federal tax return a responsibility or an obligation?

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Obligation!

- Federal law requires people to pay taxes.



Scenario 5

Sarah attends her city commission meetings each month so she can be informed about the issues impacting her community.

Is attending civic meetings a responsibility or an obligation?

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Responsibility!

Why is attending civic meetings an important part of civic participation?



Scenario 6

Mariselle wakes up at 5:00am to go to the polls for the national elections so she can vote before she has to go to work.

Is voting in an election a responsibility or an obligation?



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Responsibility!

Why is voting an important form of civic participation?



Obligation



Responsibility

Scenario 7

Jackie is going to the grocery store and puts her 2 year old in a car seat in the back seat of the car.



Is using a car seat for a child a responsibility or an obligation?

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Obligation!

Florida law requires...children through age 3 must be secured in a separate carrier (child safety seat) or in a vehicle manufacturer's integrated child safety seat...Infants must ride rear-facing until they are at least one year old *and* weigh 20 pounds



Obligation



Responsibility

Scenario 8

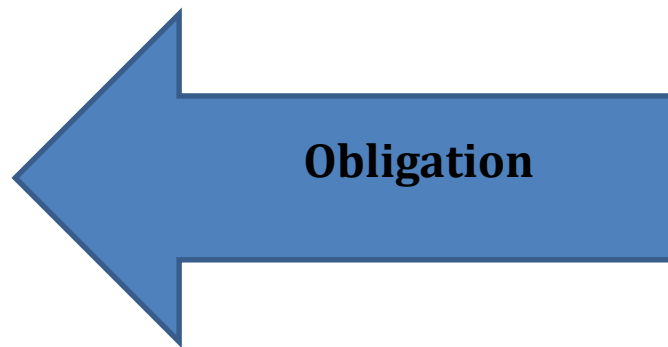
Juan doesn't think his neighborhood association is running efficiently. He decides to run for president of the association in order to correct problems in his neighborhood.

Is running for an office in civic organization a responsibility or an obligation?

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Responsibility!

Why is running for office an important part of civic participation?



Civic Participation

- Why is civic participation, both required and voluntary, so important?
 - In society?
 - In government?
 - In the political process?

Taking Action

- What are some problems that you can think of in our community or society?
- Type them into the chat.



Taking Action

- What are some things that you could do to help solve these problems in our communities and society?
- Type your ideas
Into the chat.




Civic Participation

- Go to our assignment for the day (the Word doc that you have been working on).
- Pick one problem that exists in our community or society. How might we help to make this problem better?
- Pick at least one obligation and one responsibility of citizenship that could help to tackle this issue. How would these actions demonstrate good citizenship? Be specific.

Check for Understanding

The illustration below shows a legal document.

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Why are citizens obligated to respond to such documents?

- A. to guarantee court hearings remain public
- B. to guarantee courts provide probable cause
- C. to protect the constitutional right to be tried by one's peers
- D. to protect the constitutional right to confront one's accuser