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Being a Filipino Citizen is a title I have acquired since the day I was born from this Country land called Philippines. Lots of responsibilities are given onto an individual just for being a citizen in a Country. Specifically, as a Filipino citizen we have the duty to be united for the sake of our Beloved country. In the video presented, citizenship, national motto, nationalism and patriotism were emphasized.

A person can be considered as a Filipino citizen if he or she is qualified in the five sections of 1987 constitution of the Republic of the Philippines – Article 4. Citizenship section one contains the criteria to be considered as a Filipino citizen. The citizenship section two indicates that People who are born in the Philippines are considered to be natural born citizens. Meanwhile, citizenship section three declares that Philippine citizenship may be lost or reacquired in the manner provided by law. Citizenship section four considers Philippine citizens who marry aliens shall retain their citizenship, unless by their act or omission they are deemed, under the law, to have renounced it. Lastly, dual citizenship is undesirable to the national interest and shall be dealt with by law. There are four significant values which symbolize the good citizenship of Filipinos, it is also called as our Filipino National Motto. “Maka-Diyos” means the value of strong faith in a religion or God, “Maka-Tao” means loving other people the way we love ourselves, “Makakalikasan” simply means the love and care for nature, and last “Makabansa” refers to the love for our mother country. Nationalism is the identification with one’s own nation and support for its culture. Meanwhile, although it is almost the same with nationalism, patriotism refers to the devotion of a citizen to support his or her own country.

Looking back at the content of this reflection paper, being a Filipino citizen has several criteria or requirements. Yet, the best aspects to focus on are the character of being a true citizen supposed as having love for their own country, supporting their own country, and following the four things in our national motto.