

SS.7.C.2.2 Low Level of Complexity Assessment Item Explanation
Also Assesses: SS.7.C.2.3 and SS.7.C.2.14

Question	What right do citizens have?	One right that citizens have will be compared with privileges that citizens have. The correct answer will identify a right that citizens have.
A	attending public schools	Incorrect – Children attend schools that are regulated and funded by state governments. Both citizens and non-citizen children have the right to attend public school.
B	owning property	Incorrect – Property ownership is a privilege protected by the Constitution.
C	holding a job	Incorrect – Employment is a privilege that is regulated by federal, state and local governments.
D	voting	Correct – The U.S. Constitution guarantees citizens a republican form of government. One way that citizens experience republican government is with voting.



SS.7.C.2.2 Moderate Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation
Also Assesses: SS.7.C.2.3 and SS.7.C.2.14

<p>Question</p>	<p>The illustration below shows a legal document.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p align="center">DISTRICT COURT</p> <p align="center">SUMMONS FOR JURY SERVICE</p> <p align="right">PLEASE READ FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS IN THE INFORMATION INCLUDED WITH THIS SUMMONS.</p> <p>TO:</p> <p><u>Participant Number:</u></p>  <p>PLEASE BRING THIS UPPER SECTION WITH YOU WHEN YOU REPORT FOR JURY DUTY</p> <p>THE COURT SUMMONS YOU TO APPEAR FOR JURY DUTY BEGINNING ON THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW.</p> <p>LOCATION:</p> </div> <p>Why are citizens obligated to respond to such documents?</p>		<p>The document shows an example of a jury summons.</p> <p>The correct response should explain why serving as a juror is an obligation of American citizens.</p>
<p>A</p>	<p>to guarantee court hearings remain public</p>	<p>Incorrect – The presence of a jury would not guarantee a public hearing.</p>	
<p>B</p>	<p>to guarantee courts provide probable cause</p>	<p>Incorrect – Probable cause is established by the police when they decide to conduct a search. The courts do not provide probable cause.</p>	
<p>C</p>	<p>to protect the constitutional right to be tried by one’s peers</p>	<p>Correct – The constitutional right of the accused to be tried by an impartial jury requires that citizens serve on juries.</p>	
<p>D</p>	<p>to protect the constitutional right to confront one’s accuser</p>	<p>Incorrect – A jury does not play a role in guaranteeing that the accused have the right to face their accusers.</p>	



SS.7.C.2.2 High Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation
Also Assesses: SS.7.C.2.3 and SS.7.C.2.14

<p>Question</p>	<p>The image below describes a citizen obligation.</p>  <p>Source: United States Postal Service</p> <p>Based on this image, what can be presumed about citizen obligations?</p>		<p>Why is jury duty an obligation and why might citizens be unwilling to complete it?</p> <p>The correct answer will identify one of the challenges present-day courts have with citizens fulfilling their obligation to serve on jury duty.</p>
<p>A</p>	<p>Citizens support attending civic meetings.</p>	<p>Incorrect – Jury duty takes place in court and not at civic meetings.</p>	
<p>B</p>	<p>Citizens support securing individual rights.</p>	<p>Incorrect – Serving jury duty is a way for the accused to have their individual rights protected but it is not a way for citizens serving on juries to secure their own individual rights.</p>	
<p>C</p>	<p>Citizens resist registering for selective service.</p>	<p>Incorrect – Selective service is a citizen obligation that is linked to defending the nation.</p>	
<p>D</p>	<p>Citizens resist contributing to the common good.</p>	<p>Correct – Many citizens resist serving on juries because of the time commitment. The image suggests that serving on juries is a citizen obligation that contributes to the public good and should be something that citizens are proud to do.</p>	

