

What are the Responsibilities of Citizenship? **Sample Answers**

1. Write down all the things you can think of that a good citizen does.

- Vote
- Stays informed
- Serves on a jury when needed
- Defends the country when needed
- Helps others/volunteers
- Pays taxes

2. While watching the two videos, list the responsibilities and obligations of citizens mentioned. Afterward, label each with a “L”, “S”, or “N”, depending on which level of government (local, state, or national) you think the responsibility/obligation corresponds.

<u>Responsibilities:</u>	<u>Obligations:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voting [L,S,N]• Being informed [L,S,N]• Respecting the rights and beliefs of others [L,S,N]• Responsibly voicing your concerns [L,S,N]• Public service [L,S,N]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obeying the law [L,S,N]• Paying taxes [L,S,N]• Serving on juries [S,N]• Selective Service/defending the country [N]• Attending school [S]

3. After watching the videos, answer the question: “What’s the difference between a responsibility and an obligation”? Provide an example of each.

A responsibility is something you should do, an obligation is something you must do.

4. While watching the video "The Citizen", summarize in your own words what other responsibilities citizens have in our constitutional republic.

Having a republic requires active participation, with all levels of government. That means knowing who represents you, and responsibly reaching out to elected officials at all levels of government about issues that concern you.