



Character Counts

Citizenship

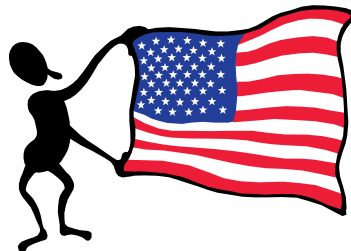
"Excellence is not a singular act, but a habit.
You are what you repeatedly do."

- Shaquille O'Neal

Citizenship is:

Demonstrating good citizenship is being a person who is involved in trying to make the community, nation, or world a better place. Good citizens are people who are engaged, in big or small ways, in considering the needs of others in their community. Citizenship means more than knowing how the government functions. Good citizenship in practice is understanding, appreciating and doing things that make life better for yourself and for others. Citizenship is not passive. Citizenship demands participation, involvement and contribution. Good citizens go beyond their own interests, demonstrate a concern for the needs of others and recognize their obligations to make their home, school, neighborhood, country and world the best they can be. Citizenship is a two-way relationship and includes both rights and duties. No one makes a difference without being involved.

How to be a good citizen:



- Do your share to make your school, your community and the world a better place.
- Take responsibility for what goes on around you.
- Participate in community service.
- Help take care of the environment.
- Be a good neighbor.
- Treat other people with respect and dignity.
- Follow the rules of your family, your school and your society.

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Talk about Citizenship

- Name someone who is/was a good citizen and explain why you think so.
- Talk about how good citizens demonstrate dependability.
- Discuss what each of us can do to promote good citizenship.

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