



that's what we're made of

Character Counts Citizenship

What is Citizenship:

As social beings, humans tend to flourish only in community. We depend on each other more than we realize. There is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Citizenship means giving back to the communities of which we are a part, acknowledging our debt to both the living and to those who came before us.

We participate in the roles and tasks that must be filled for a healthy collective; whether that collective is a household, a nation-state, or something bigger. We do what needs doing rather than leaving it for someone else. We seek to elevate not only our own well being but the well being of all. Since home is the first place that we learn to rely on each other, this is where we begin learning what it means to live in community with others.



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead

Citizenship in 4-H:

Ask the club members to interview a veteran, immigrant, or person who lived through the Great Depression. Together make a list of questions they could ask such as:

- How do you feel about the United States of America?
- Tell me about your life?
- What was a difficult time for you?
- What does being a U.S. citizen mean to you?

Have the members write about or draw what they discovered, report their findings and post the results on a bulletin board or make a display for fair or other community event.

Clover Connection

Head - Make sound decisions.

Heart - Be loyal and care about your community.

Hands - Do something productive.

Health - Take care of those that may be in need.