



Character Counts

Citizenship



There can be no high civility without a deep morality.
 — Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882),
 American essayist and poet

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. Good citizenship in practice is understanding, appreciating and doing things that make life better for yourself and for others. 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:

- Live Each Day with Courage
- Take Pride in your Work
- Always Finish What you Start
- Do what has to be Done
- Be Tough, But Fair
- When You make a promise, Keep It
- Ride for the Brand
- Talk Less, Say More
- Remember that some things are NOT for Sale
- Know where to Draw the line

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Talk about Citizenship

- Name someone who is your hero 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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