

SS.7.C.2.2

Evaluate the obligations citizens have to obey laws, pay taxes, defend the nation, and serve on juries.

Also Assesses

SS.7.C.2.3 - Experience the responsibilities of citizens at the local, state, or federal levels

SS.7.C.2.14 - Conduct a service project to further the public good

SS.7.C.2.2 Benchmark Clarification 3: Students will evaluate the obligations and/or responsibilities of citizens as they relate to active participation in society and government.

Each **citizen** has certain basic **obligations** and **responsibilities** that relate to active participation in society and government. Active participation helps to promote the **common good**.

Active participation comes in many different forms that include both obligations and responsibilities. Obeying the laws, registering for **selective service**, defending our nation, serving on juries, and paying taxes are all obligations as well as examples of active participation in the society and government.

Registering to vote, attending civic meetings, joining interest groups, joining a political party, running for office, and petitioning the government are all responsibilities of good citizens as well as examples of active participation in the society and government.

citizen - a legal member of a state and/or country

common good - beliefs or actions that are seen as a benefit to the community rather than individual interests, also known as the public good

obligation - a requirement, something a person has to do

responsibility - something a person should do

selective service - a system by which men ages 18 through 25 register with the U.S. government for military service