

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 6: Students will identify the consequences or predict the outcome on society of citizens who do not fulfill their citizenship responsibilities.

If **citizens** did not fulfill their **responsibilities**, the United States would be a very different place.

Responsibilities of a Citizen	What are the Consequences if People do not Fulfill this Responsibility?
Voting	If people do not vote, the government will only represent those people who do vote.
Attending civic meetings	If people do not attend civic meetings, it is more difficult to get involved and know what is happening in the community and government.
Petitioning the government	If people choose not to use this right, the government will assume that the people are happy with the government's decisions or that they don't care.
Community service	If people choose not to volunteer in their community, problems may be ignored and people who need help will not get their needs met.

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

petitioning the government - the right to ask the government to solve a problem or to express an opinion about how the government is being run

responsibility - something a person should do