Introduction to Duties and Responsibilities of Citizen

SSCG7 The student will describe how thoughtful and effective participation in civic life is characterized by obeying the law, paying taxes, serving on a jury, participating in the political process, performing public service, registering for military duty, being informed about current issues, and respecting differing opinions.
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Expanding Voting Rights
Political Parties
Citizenship

- 14th Amendment Defines Citizenship
- Born or naturalized
- All rights
Types of Citizenship

Natural Born
- Law of Blood; Parent(s) are U.S. Citizens
- Law of Soil; Born in the United States or territories.

Naturalization
- Gone through process as mandated by law
Duties and Responsibilities

Duties; things a citizen must do
Responsibilities; Things a citizen should do
Duties

• Obey the Law; or suffer the consequences
• Pay Taxes; Cost of Civilization
• Jury Duty; Basis for justice “a jury of peers”
• Register for Military; 18 year old males only

Register online (http://www.sss.gov) or complete this form. SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM REGISTRATION FORM

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1. DATE OF BIRTH: (MM-DD-YYYY)
2. SEX: (Mark with “X”)
3. SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER
4. LAST NAME
5. FIRST NAME & MIDDLE NAME
6. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: STREET ADDRESS & APARTMENT NUMBER
7. CITY
8. STATE
9. ZIP CODE
10. Country
11. Province
12. TODAY’S DATE: (MM-DD-YYYY)
13. I AFFIRM THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE
Responsibilities

• Joining a political party; almost all politicians come from 1 of 2 main parties, but very few people are actual members

• Running for Office; Look at people running for office, are they like you?
Responsibilities

• Keeping informed and petition the government; can’t get them to act unless you know the issue and let them hear you.
Responsibilities

• Respecting the rights of Others; tolerance of other views will insure your voice.

• Volunteering; plenty of non-political things need to be done.

• Perform Public Service

• Voting; If you don’t vote, you have no voice or say in what goes on