

Citizens at Work

Notice how responsible citizens help at local and state levels.

SS.2.CG.2.2 "Describe the characteristics of responsible citizenship at the local and state levels."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each action that shows responsible citizenship in a town or state. Write L beside town actions and S beside state actions.

Helping Where We Live

- ① Responsible citizens help their community and follow rules that keep people safe. In a town, adults can vote for local leaders, go to town meetings, and share ideas politely. Everyone can care for parks, libraries, streets, and other shared places.
- ② State government serves people across a state. Responsible adults vote in state elections and learn about leaders. Citizens follow state laws, such as traffic rules. They can contact a state leader to share a concern and listen respectfully to people with different ideas.
- ③ Maya sees litter near the town playground, so she puts her snack wrapper in a bin. Her family also writes to a state leader about keeping rivers clean. Maya knows responsible citizens act carefully, speak respectfully, and work to improve shared places.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Name two ways adults can be responsible citizens in a town.

2 What can a citizen do when the citizen has a concern about a state problem?

3 Is Maya's action at the playground local or state? Is her family's letter to a state leader local or state?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two sentences. In the first sentence, tell one responsible action you can take to help a local shared place. In the second sentence, tell one responsible action you can take to help your state.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each action that shows responsible citizenship in a town or state. Write L beside town actions and S beside state actions. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two ways adults can be responsible citizens in a town.	Vote for local leaders, go to town meetings, share ideas politely, or care for shared places.
2	What can a citizen do when the citizen has a concern about a state problem?	Contact a state leader and share the concern respectfully.
3	Is Maya's action at the playground local or state? Is her family's letter to a state leader local or state?	The playground action is local. The letter to a state leader is state.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I will put litter in a bin at our town library. I will write to a state leader about keeping a state park clean.

Accept passage-based answers that identify responsible actions at the correct local or state level. For Your Turn, accept other realistic responsible actions that fit each level.