LESSON MAKER PRO

Civic Duty Cards

Explore how citizens help their communities and country.

GRADE 5 · 5.C.6.5

5.C.6.5 "Analyze the role and responsibilities of all United States of America citizens by explaining why voting in public elections is necessary to maintain a constitutional republic how becoming informed voters contributes to wise decisions how..."

NAME _____ **DATE** _____

OUR GROUND RULES Read together first

1. Let each person finish speaking.
2. Give a reason for your ideas.
3. Question ideas without insulting people.
4. You may agree, disagree, or keep your view.

HOW TO PLAY Teams of 3 or 4

1. Choose one TOPIC card and read its question aloud.
2. Take one ROLE card each. With three players, take the first three roles and share the Fair Voice job.
3. Shuffle two sets of MOVE cards and deal four cards to each player.
4. Set an 8-minute timer. Discuss the topic. Play a card only after you use its starter to say something you mean.
5. Stop when the timer rings, even if cards remain. Then check the reflection statements.

AFTER THE ROUND Check what you did

- [ ] I explained how a citizen duty helps our community or country.
- [ ] I gave a reason for an idea, even if I kept my view.
- [ ] I listened respectfully, whether we agreed or not.
- [ ] I can tell which ideas our group shared, including any differences.

Cut along the dashed lines

TOPIC CARDS · pick one per round

TOPIC

Choose a Mayor

Your town is choosing a mayor who will help decide how tax money is spent on safer streets. Why does voting matter, and how could voters learn enough to choose wisely?

TOPIC

A Safer Park

Neighbors disagree about a new park rule. How can they share ideas peacefully and follow laws, and how could a jury help if a case about a broken law goes to trial?

TOPIC

Shared Needs

A town needs roads, and the country needs to be ready to defend itself. How do taxes help pay for shared projects, and how does registering for military service when required help the country prepare?

ROLE CARDS · one per player

ROLE

Duty Detective

Watch for which citizen duty is involved and ask how it helps others.

ROLE

Reason Finder

Ask for reasons or examples that support the group's ideas.

ROLE

Fact Checker

Ask what citizens need to know and point out anything the group is unsure about.

ROLE

Fair Voice

Invite each player to speak and note where ideas agree or differ.

MOVE CARDS · deal 4 to each player

MOVE CARD

EXPLAIN WHY

"This citizen duty helps our country because ____."

MOVE CARD

EXPLAIN WHY

"If people skip this duty, ____ could happen."

MOVE CARD

CHECK FIRST

"Before I decide what I think, I would find out ____."

MOVE CARD

CHECK FIRST

"I would check ____ before I trust that claim."

MOVE CARD

HEAR IDEAS

"I hear your idea that ____."

MOVE CARD

SPEAK PEACEFULLY

"We can share our ideas peacefully by ____."

MOVE CARD

THINK FAIRLY

"A fair or safe way to handle this is ____."

MOVE CARD

SUM UP

"So far, our ideas about this duty are ____."

Cards last longer on thick paper.

ANSWER KEY

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RUNNING THE ROUNDS

Print two copies of the eight MOVE cards so four players can receive four cards each. Run another 8-minute round with a new TOPIC card if time allows, and invite quieter players to speak without requiring anyone to play an inapplicable card. If military registration comes up, clarify that registering when required does not mean joining the military.

WHAT A STRONG ROUND SOUNDS LIKE

Maya	This citizen duty helps our country because voters choose leaders who make decisions for them under our laws.
Leo	Before I decide what I think, I would find out what each mayor plans to do about safe streets.
Nia	I would check a candidate's plan before I trust a claim about that plan.
Omar	I hear your idea that voters should learn about candidates before choosing one.
Maya	So far, our ideas about this duty are that voting lets people choose leaders and learning their plans helps voters choose wisely.

LISTEN FOR

- Explains that public elections let citizens choose leaders who make decisions under the Constitution and laws.
- Names information voters could check before choosing a candidate.
- Connects peaceful protest and civil discourse to sharing ideas, and respect for laws to safety and order.
- Explains that jurors hear evidence to reach a fair decision, taxes fund shared projects, or required military registration helps the nation prepare.

There are no right answers to the topic cards. Score the moves students make, not their opinions.