Who Shares the Duty?

Read, mark, and compare civic responsibilities.

8.C.4.6.C "Identify responsibilities of both citizens and residents of the United States of America, including obedience to the law, registering for military service, and paying taxes."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the responsibilities Maya and Luis share, circle the words that tell who may have to register for Selective Service, and number the three responsibilities in the order they appear.

The Welcome Night Notice

1. At a neighborhood welcome night, Maya, a U.S. citizen, meets Luis, a noncitizen who lives nearby. Luis asks whether being a resident means he has the same responsibilities as a citizen. A resident is someone who lives in a place; a person can be both a citizen and a resident. Citizenship gives Maya certain rights, such as voting in federal elections, that Luis does not have. Yet living in the United States also brings responsibilities. Some apply to both neighbors, while others depend on age, sex, or circumstances.

2. When the neighbors organize a street fair, they learn that local rules require a permit to close a street. Both Maya and Luis must obey that rule, just as they must follow traffic laws. Breaking a law can have legal consequences regardless of citizenship. They also discuss taxes. Maya pays income tax on her wages, and Luis pays income tax on his wages. Taxes help pay for public services, including roads and schools. Whether someone must file a tax return depends on tax rules and that person's situation, not simply on citizenship.

3. A third neighbor asks about military service. In the United States, most male citizens and many male noncitizen residents must register with the Selective Service System when they turn 18. They can register before their 26th birthday, but the law generally requires registration within 30 days of turning 18. Registration gives the government a list to use if a draft is ever authorized; it does not mean a person has joined the military. Maya and Luis agree that the fair's information sheet should separate shared duties from duties that apply only to eligible people.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who must obey the permit rule for the street fair, Maya, Luis, or both? Explain why.

2. What does the passage show about Maya's and Luis's responsibility to pay income tax?

3. Which citizens and noncitizen residents does the passage say generally must register for Selective Service?

4. A visitor says every responsibility in the passage applies to every resident in the same way. Use one shared responsibility and one eligibility-based responsibility to explain why that is incorrect.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence exchange between a citizen and a noncitizen resident making a notice for a neighborhood event. Have them correctly explain obeying laws, paying taxes, and Selective Service registration, and correct the idea that registration means joining the military.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 8 · 8.C.4.6.C

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the responsibilities Maya and Luis share, circle the words that tell who may have to register for Selective Service, and number the three responsibilities in the order they appear. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who must obey the permit rule for the street fair, Maya, Luis, or both? Explain why.	**Both must obey it. Laws apply regardless of citizenship.**
2	What does the passage show about Maya's and Luis's responsibility to pay income tax?	**Both pay income tax on their wages, even though Luis is not a citizen.**
3	Which citizens and noncitizen residents does the passage say generally must register for Selective Service?	**Most male citizens and many male noncitizen residents must register when they turn 18.**
4	A visitor says every responsibility in the passage applies to every resident in the same way. Use one shared responsibility and one eligibility-based responsibility to explain why that is incorrect.	**Both neighbors must obey laws, but Selective Service registration applies only to eligible people, including most male citizens and many male noncitizen residents.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Citizen: We both need to obey local laws when we plan the event. Resident: We also need to pay any taxes we owe, whether or not we are citizens. Citizen: Most male citizens and many male noncitizen residents must register for Selective Service when they turn 18. Resident: Registration does not mean joining the military, so our notice should say that clearly.

Accept answers that distinguish duties shared by citizens and noncitizen residents from registration requirements that depend on eligibility. Students should not describe Selective Service registration as enlistment.