Shared Civic Duties

Read how responsibilities apply to citizens and residents.

USG.C.8.2.F "Identify responsibilities of both citizens and residents of the United States of America, including obedience of the law, registration for the selective service, and payment of state and federal taxes prior to the annual deadline."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline responsibilities shared by citizens and noncitizen residents, circle who must register for Selective Service, and number the statements about tax deadlines. Use your marks to identify which duties apply to each person.

After the Street Fair

1. At a neighborhood street fair, Mateo, a U.S. citizen, and Leila, a permanent resident, volunteer at a crossing. A resident is someone who lives in the United States but may not be a citizen. When a driver ignores the stop sign, both volunteers report the danger. Traffic laws apply to drivers whether they are citizens or noncitizens. The same principle applies to rules against theft and other crimes. Living in a community carries a responsibility to obey its laws; citizenship is not a pass to ignore them. Safety depends on everyone following the rules.

2. Later, Mateo reads a notice about Selective Service registration. Most male U.S. citizens and male immigrants ages 18 through 25 must register with the Selective Service System. This includes male permanent residents, even though they are not citizens. Women are not required to register under current law. Registration does not mean a person has joined the military; it puts names on a list that could be used if Congress and the president authorize a draft. A man who turns 18 should check when and how to register rather than assume school or a job does it for him.

3. After the fair, Leila sorts receipts from her part-time job while Mateo reviews his own pay records. Citizens and residents must follow applicable tax laws, but not everyone is required to file a return or owes additional tax. People who owe federal income tax generally must pay it by the annual filing deadline, usually April 15, even if they request more time to file paperwork. State income tax rules vary: some states have no state income tax, while others require payment by a state deadline. Both neighbors check which rules apply before the deadlines arrive.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. A driver at the fair is a noncitizen resident. Does the stop sign law apply to that driver? Explain using the passage.

2. A 19-year-old male permanent resident thinks only citizens register for Selective Service. What does the passage show about his responsibility?

3. A 20-year-old woman asks whether the Selective Service rule in the passage requires her to register. What is the answer?

4. Someone owes federal income tax and receives more time to file a return. When is payment generally due, and what should that person check about state income tax?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Invent two neighbors, one citizen and one noncitizen resident, whose ages or sexes lead to different Selective Service requirements. In four or five sentences, explain their shared duty to obey laws, who must register, and how federal and state tax deadlines affect them if they owe taxes.

ANSWER KEY

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HIGH SCHOOL · USG.C.8.2.F

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline responsibilities shared by citizens and noncitizen residents, circle who must register for Selective Service, and number the statements about tax deadlines. Use your marks to identify which duties apply to each person. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	A driver at the fair is a noncitizen resident. Does the stop sign law apply to that driver? Explain using the passage.	**Yes. Traffic laws apply to both citizens and noncitizens.**
2	A 19-year-old male permanent resident thinks only citizens register for Selective Service. What does the passage show about his responsibility?	**He is generally required to register because the requirement includes most male immigrants ages 18 through 25, including permanent residents.**
3	A 20-year-old woman asks whether the Selective Service rule in the passage requires her to register. What is the answer?	**No. Women are not required to register under current law.**
4	Someone owes federal income tax and receives more time to file a return. When is payment generally due, and what should that person check about state income tax?	**Federal income tax payment is generally due by the annual filing deadline, usually April 15, despite the filing extension. The person should check whether their state requires income tax payment and, if so, its deadline.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My neighbors are Omar, a 19-year-old U.S. citizen, and Nina, a 20-year-old permanent resident. Both must obey traffic laws and other laws. Omar must register with Selective Service because he is a man in the required age range, while Nina is not required to register because she is a woman. If they owe federal income tax, they must pay it by the annual deadline, usually April 15, even if they receive more time to file. They must also check whether their state requires income tax payments and meet its deadline if it does.

Accept accurate invented neighbors with different registration requirements. Tax responses should distinguish the federal payment deadline from state rules, which vary by state.