

Signs of Citizenship

Symbols, customs, and choices can show shared American beliefs.

2.11 "Citizenship. The student understands important symbols, customs, and celebrations that represent American beliefs and principles that contribute to our national identity..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each symbol named in the passage, circle each custom people do, and write 1 by a sentence about respect, 2 by a sentence about freedom or individualism, and 3 by a sentence about inventiveness.

At School and Beyond

- ① At a school assembly, Maya faces the United States flag and says the Pledge of Allegiance. Her class also says the Pledge to the Texas Flag. These customs show respect for the country and state.
- ② The students sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful." These patriotic songs can bring people together. The bald eagle is the national bird, and the rose is the national flower. The mockingbird is Texas's state bird, and bluebonnet is Texas's state flower.
- ③ Uncle Sam is a symbol that stands for the United States. During a class vote, each student gets one choice, and the group follows the most votes. Voting supports freedom and individualism because people can share ideas. Inventors use creative ideas to solve problems.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which two pledges does Maya's class say?

2 Name one national symbol and one Texas symbol from the passage.

3 Why does voting support freedom and individualism?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Plan one part of a class celebration. Write three sentences that name a patriotic song or symbol your class could include, explain how the class would vote fairly, and tell one belief the vote shows.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each symbol named in the passage, circle each custom people do, and write 1 by a sentence about respect, 2 by a sentence about freedom or individualism, and 3 by a sentence about inventiveness. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two pledges does Maya's class say?	The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
2	Name one national symbol and one Texas symbol from the passage.	Answers may include: national symbol, the bald eagle or rose; Texas symbol, the mockingbird or bluebonnet.
3	Why does voting support freedom and individualism?	Voting lets people share ideas, and each student gets one choice.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our class could sing "America the Beautiful." Each student would get one vote for the song, and we would choose the song with the most votes. This fair choice shows freedom and individualism.

Accept either listed national symbol and either listed Texas symbol for Question 2. For the open response, accept another accurate patriotic song or symbol if the student explains one vote per person, following the most votes, and a related belief such as freedom or individualism.