

Town Choices Matter

Read how people take responsibility in their community.

3.9.C “identify and describe individual acts of civic responsibility, including obeying laws, serving and improving the community, serving on a jury, and voting;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the four sentences that describe a person doing a civic responsibility. Number them: 1 for obeying laws, 2 for improving the community, 3 for jury service, and 4 for voting.

People Doing Their Part

- ① People in a town share spaces such as sidewalks, parks, and schools. Civic responsibility means taking actions that help the town and its people. Four actions show this idea. One action is obeying laws, which are rules made to keep people safe and make life fair. These actions can happen at different times and places.
- ② At a busy crosswalk, Maya waits for the walk signal before crossing the street. Traffic laws help people travel safely around cars. Later, Maya joins neighbors to pick up litter at Pine Park. The park has paths, benches, and a playground used by many families. The clean park is safer and more pleasant for everyone.
- ③ Sometimes, courts need adults to help with cases. A jury member listens to information in court and helps make a fair decision in a case. Eligible adults can vote in elections to choose leaders or decide issues. These choices affect their town, state, or country in daily life. They are important ways to take part in public life.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What does Maya do at the crosswalk to obey a law?

2 How does Maya help improve Pine Park?

3 What does a jury member do in court?

4 Who can vote, and what can voters decide?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose one civic responsibility from the passage. Write exactly three sentences about a person doing it, what the person does, and how the action helps others.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the four sentences that describe a person doing a civic responsibility. Number them: 1 for obeying laws, 2 for improving the community, 3 for jury service, and 4 for voting. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does Maya do at the crosswalk to obey a law?	She waits for the walk signal before crossing the street.
2	How does Maya help improve Pine Park?	She joins neighbors to pick up litter.
3	What does a jury member do in court?	A jury member listens to information and helps make a fair decision in a case.
4	Who can vote, and what can voters decide?	Eligible adults can vote. They can choose leaders or decide issues in elections.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Serving on a jury is a civic responsibility. An adult jury member listens carefully to information in court. This helps the court make a fair decision.

Accept equivalent answers that match the passage. For Your Turn, accept any one of the four responsibilities if the student writes exactly three sentences that name the responsibility, describe an action, and explain how it helps.