

Freedom or Duty?

Know your rights and responsibilities.

2.1 "The student will apply history and social science skills to distinguish between the rights and responsibilities that individuals have in the United States including, but not limited to exercising freedom of expression..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

RIGHTS

Rights are freedoms and protections that people have.

You may peacefully join a neighborhood meeting.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities are actions you should do to help people live safely and fairly together.

Return a borrowed library book by its due date.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle RIGHTS or DUTIES for each action, then choose two items and tell how you knew.

1. Share your idea during a class talk.

RIGHTS

DUTIES

2. Choose your religious beliefs.

RIGHTS

DUTIES

3. Obey a stop sign when riding your bike.

RIGHTS

DUTIES

4. Be treated fairly by the law.

RIGHTS

DUTIES

5. Tell the truth after you make a mistake.

RIGHTS

DUTIES

6. Let a classmate have a different opinion.

RIGHTS

DUTIES

7. Vote for a local leader when you are old enough.

RIGHTS

DUTIES

8. Follow the rules at the playground.

RIGHTS

DUTIES

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example of a RIGHT and one new example of a DUTY.

RIGHTS _____

DUTIES _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that tells how a right and a duty can work together.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Share your idea during a class talk.	RIGHTS	Sharing an idea is an exercise of freedom of expression.
2	Choose your religious beliefs.	RIGHTS	People have freedom of religion.
3	Obey a stop sign when riding your bike.	DUTIES	Following safety laws and rules is a responsibility.
4	Be treated fairly by the law.	RIGHTS	Equal protection means laws should treat people fairly.
5	Tell the truth after you make a mistake.	DUTIES	Honesty and trustworthiness are responsibilities.
6	Let a classmate have a different opinion.	DUTIES	People should respect the opinions of others.
7	Vote for a local leader when you are old enough.	RIGHTS	Voting for representatives is a right of eligible citizens.
8	Follow the rules at the playground.	DUTIES	Respecting and following rules is a responsibility.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **RIGHTS:** RIGHT: Ask a city leader a question about a new park.
- **DUTIES:** DUTY: Put trash in a bin to follow park rules.

Challenge: A person can vote for a leader, and the person should respect other people's choices.

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly name a freedom or protection for a right, or an action that helps people live safely and fairly for a duty. Accept other accurate examples in Part 3 and the challenge.