

# Citizenship Benefits

Read to identify ways U.S. citizenship can help people.

**2.2.a** "identifying the benefits of being a U.S. citizen; and"

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline the words that name a benefit of being a U.S. citizen. This will help you notice what citizens are able to do.

### Benefits of Citizenship

- ① U.S. citizenship gives people important benefits. A citizen can vote in national elections when the citizen is 18 or older. Voting lets citizens help choose leaders, such as the president, who make choices for the country.
- ② Citizens can apply for a U.S. passport. A passport can help a citizen travel to other countries and return to the United States. When citizens are in another country, they may ask a U.S. embassy or consulate for help.
- ③ Some jobs in the U.S. government are open only to citizens. Citizens who meet the rules may apply for these jobs. U.S. citizens can also run for many elected offices when they are old enough and meet the rules.

**2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE** \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

**1** Which benefit lets a citizen help choose leaders?

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**2** What can a citizen apply for to travel to other countries and return to the United States?

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**3** Name two benefits about government work or leadership from the passage.

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**3 YOUR TURN** \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Write two sentences about a made-up U.S. citizen using one benefit from the passage. Tell how that benefit can help the person.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline the words that name a benefit of being a U.S. citizen. This will help you notice what citizens are able to do. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                   | ANSWER                                                                                                                     |
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| 1 | Which benefit lets a citizen help choose leaders?                                          | <b>Voting in national elections.</b>                                                                                       |
| 2 | What can a citizen apply for to travel to other countries and return to the United States? | <b>A U.S. passport.</b>                                                                                                    |
| 3 | Name two benefits about government work or leadership from the passage.                    | <b>Citizens may apply for some U.S. government jobs, and they can run for many elected offices if they meet the rules.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

Maya is 22 and a U.S. citizen. She can vote for leaders and help choose people who make choices for the country.

Accept any benefit stated in the passage with a sensible explanation of how it helps the made-up citizen. For Question 3, accept government jobs and running for elected office.