

Citizens at Work

Read about responsibilities that help a community.

2.2.b “identifying the responsibilities of being a U.S. citizen.”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each responsibility of a U.S. citizen in the passage. Circling them will help you notice the jobs citizens do for their community and country.

Jobs Citizens Do

- ① U.S. citizens share responsibilities, or important jobs, that help a community work well. One responsibility is obeying laws. Laws help keep people safe. For example, people follow traffic lights and rules that protect others in parks, schools, and stores.
- ② Citizens also pay taxes. Taxes are money collected by governments to pay for public needs, such as schools, roads, firefighters, and parks. Adults may pay taxes from money they earn or when they buy some things. Paying taxes helps provide services many people use.
- ③ When citizens are adults, they can vote in elections. Voting lets citizens help choose leaders. Adults may also be called for jury duty. A jury listens to a court case and helps make a fair decision. These actions help citizens take part in their government.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What responsibility helps pay for schools, roads, firefighters, and parks?

2 Name two actions adult citizens can do to take part in government.

3 How does obeying laws help a community?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about one responsibility of a U.S. citizen. Give a new real-life example of how a person can do that responsibility and tell why it matters.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each responsibility of a U.S. citizen in the passage. Circling them will help you notice the jobs citizens do for their community and country. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What responsibility helps pay for schools, roads, firefighters, and parks?	Paying taxes.
2	Name two actions adult citizens can do to take part in government.	Vote in elections and serve on a jury when called for jury duty.
3	How does obeying laws help a community?	It helps keep people safe.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A citizen should obey laws by wearing a seat belt in a car. This helps keep everyone safer.

Accept any responsibility named in the passage with a sensible new example and a reason it helps. The example should not simply repeat traffic lights, taxes, voting, or jury duty from the passage.