

Citizenship Choices

Read for the benefits and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.

2.2 "The student will apply history and social science skills to understand citizenship by identifying the benefits of being a U.S. citizen; and identifying the responsibilities of being a U.S. citizen."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the benefits of U.S. citizenship and circle the responsibilities, so you can tell helpful things citizens may do from duties citizens have.

Being a U.S. Citizen

- ① A U.S. citizen belongs to the United States. Citizenship brings benefits, or helpful things. For example, a citizen who is 18 or older may vote in elections. Voting lets adults help choose leaders for their community, state, and country.
- ② Citizens can apply for a U.S. passport. A passport can help a citizen travel to other countries and return home. Citizens may also apply for some government jobs. These jobs can help citizens serve their communities and country.
- ③ Citizens also have responsibilities. They obey laws, such as stopping at red lights and keeping hands to themselves. Adult citizens pay taxes to help fund public services. If called, an adult citizen may serve on a jury and listen carefully in a court case.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What benefit lets adult citizens help choose leaders?

2 Which responsibility helps fund public services?

3 How is a benefit different from a responsibility? Give one example of each from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Make a two-panel citizenship card. In one panel, draw a person using a benefit from the passage and write a label. In the other panel, draw a person doing a responsibility from the passage and write a label.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the benefits of U.S. citizenship and circle the responsibilities, so you can tell helpful things citizens may do from duties citizens have. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What benefit lets adult citizens help choose leaders?	Voting in elections.
2	Which responsibility helps fund public services?	Paying taxes.
3	How is a benefit different from a responsibility? Give one example of each from the passage.	A benefit is a helpful thing citizens may do or receive, such as applying for a passport. A responsibility is a duty, such as obeying laws.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Panel 1: Draw an adult placing a ballot in a voting box. Label: Vote to choose leaders. Panel 2: Draw an adult stopping at a red light. Label: Obey traffic laws.

Accept clearly stated benefits and responsibilities from the passage. For the citizenship card, accept accurate drawings and labels that show one benefit and one responsibility.