



RIGHTS VS. RESPONSIBILITIES

Objectives:

- Understand your rights as a US citizen
- Understand your responsibilities as a US citizen

Supplies:

- scissors
- cup or basket
- pen and paper for each group

Preparation:

Print the next page. Cut each piece of paper out and place the strips of paper in a cup.

Activity:

This exercise is to develop a clear understanding of the rights and responsibilities that come with being a US citizen.

Divide into four groups. On a blank piece of paper, groups will make two columns, label one Rights and the other side Responsibilities. As the leader pulls a slip of paper out of the cup and reads it out loud, everyone should decide as a group which column they believe it belongs in. Discuss as a group each right and responsibilities-understanding the difference.

RIGHTS VS. RESPONSIBILITIES

Rights	Responsibilities
Freedom to express yourself	Support and defend the Constitution
Freedom to worship as you wish	Stay informed of the issues affecting your community
Right to a prompt, fair trial by jury	Participate in the democratic process
Right to vote in elections for public officials	Respect and obey federal, state and local laws
Right to apply for federal employment requiring U.S. citizenship	Respect the rights, beliefs and opinions of others
Right to run for federal office	Participate in your local community
Freedom to pursue "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."	Serve on a jury when called upon
	Defend the country if the need should arise