ROLES OF THE CITIZENS

What is a Citizen?

A citizen is an official member of a community. A citizen has rights and responsibilities. A citizen can help make decisions that affect the community.

There are some important ways to show good citizenship.

1. Respect - We treat others as we want to be treated. We welcome differences. We volunteer.
2. Caring - Think about others. Think about ways to improve our community. Conserve resources. Reduce, reuse, recycle. Good citizens do not litter or waste.
4. Fairness - Take turns, follow rules, listen to others. Obey laws.
5. Courage - Do what is right even when the task is hard. Serve in the Armed Services.
6. Honesty - Respect the rights and property of others. Tell the truth. Keep your word.

Vote - anyone over 18 years old can choose the leaders of our government. We can vote to change unfair laws or make them better.

Election - the act of voting

Law - rules made by our government that everyone must follow

Tax - an amount of money paid to the government to pay for services

Volunteer - a person who works without pay

Community living - Get along with our neighbors

Role-model - a person who is seen and copied. A hero is a role-model.

Prejudice - jealously or unkind feelings toward others who are different from us

Patriotism - showing respect and care for the country you live in
**Naturalization** - a process in which immigrants take an oath and become US citizens. They must pass a test of US history and government. Then they must appear before a judge to tell why they want to be a citizen. They must agree to be fingerprinted to become an official citizen.

**Armed Services** - Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, National Guard

**Pledge of Allegiance** - 1872 Francis Bellamy - We understand what the words mean when we say:

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\text{I promise to be faithful to my country}
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\text{And to the Republic for which it stands}
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\text{And to the people the flag represents}
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\text{One nation under God, indivisible}
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\text{One country led by God which cannot be divided}
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\text{With liberty and justice for all}
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\text{With freedom and equal treatment for everyone}
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Try this!

Ask yourself if you are the kind of good citizen you have been reading about.

- Do you respect others?
- Do you care about your community?
- Do you take responsibility?
- Are you fair?
- Do you have courage?
- Are you honest?

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