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| SS.7.C.2.1 Define the term “citizen,” and identify legal means of becoming a U.S. citizen. | |
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|  | I will be able to define and explain the following new words:   * common good – beliefs or actions that are seen as a benefit to the larger community rather than individual interests, also known as the public good * obligation (duty) – something a person is required to do * responsibility - something a person should do * selective service – a system by which men ages 18 through 25 register with the U. S. government for military service   I will be able to identify the obligations and/or duties of citizens and explain how we actively fulfill these in society and government.   * Obeying the laws: Obeying laws keeps order so that people are safe. * Paying taxes: Taxes pay for large programs that benefit everyone (roads, schools and libraries, among others). * Jury Duty: By participating in jury duty, one is protecting the constitutional right to be tried by one’s peers. * Defending the nation: Defending the nation benefits the entire country and protects the nation. (Selective Service)   Identify the consequences or predict the outcome on society of citizens who do not fulfill their citizenship responsibilities.   * Responsibilities – the common good is not supported it can become the responsibility of tax payers * Examples of Responsibilities: Volunteering, Voting, Being informed and educated, Respecting the opinions/beliefs of others * Obligations/Duties – results in a fine or jail time |
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