

Name _____ Qualities of Good and Effective Citizenship

Have you ever looked up "good" in the dictionary? It has a lot of meanings! When it is used as an adjective, good can be used to describe things that are somehow pleasing and effective. To be effective means "to have an effect or to make a difference in some way." Hopefully, we all want our world, our country, and our towns to be nice places to live, work and go to school.



What does a good citizen do?

What does a good citizen NOT do?

How can a person be an effective citizen?

List eleven things that a person, adult and/or child, can do to be a good and effective citizen:

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11. _____

To really have a successful community, state, country and world, we need to practice civic virtue.

What is that!? civic virtue: Break it down... civic = citizen virtue = goodness

Practicing civic virtue means thinking of what is best for the most people, instead of just for yourself. Thankfully, many times what is best for most people is also best for us, personally. But sometimes it is not. The word "practice" suggests that we have to keep working on it over time. It is human nature to do things that benefit oneself because we are all wired for survival. With civic virtue, we sometimes have to put aside our selfish nature and do things for the good of the whole. The funny thing is that when we do what right for most people, it often leads to a better life for us, too. We feel good inside for being unselfish and we see communities thrive.