

Citizenship:

Responsibilities and Freedoms 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

CG1a & CG1B

#### Twenty Questions

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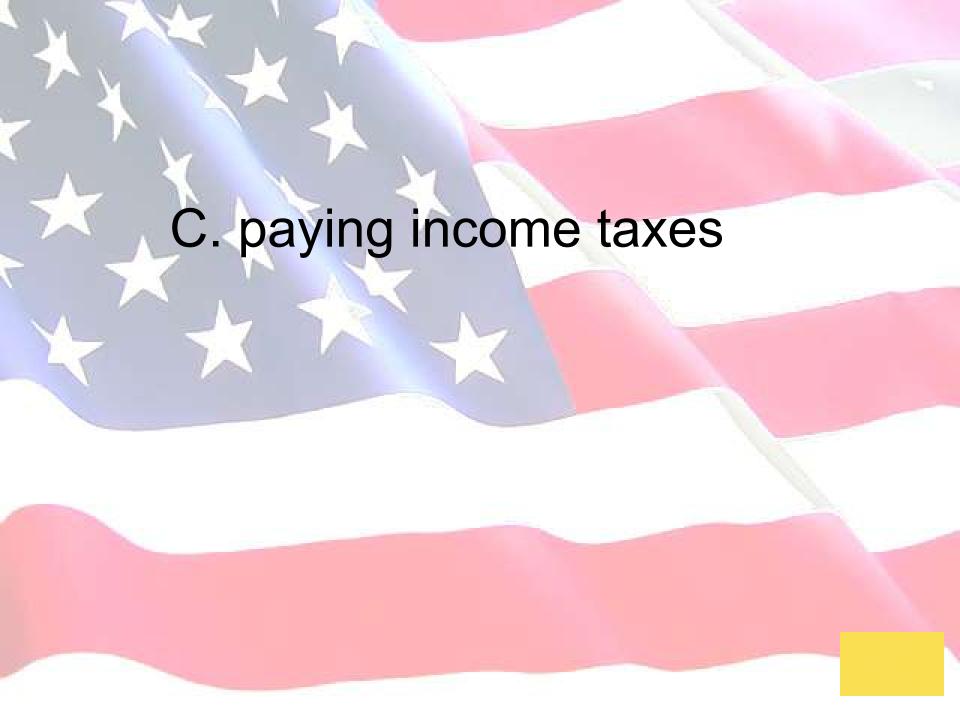
1. Many government officials are elected by the people. What can a citizen do if he believes that an elected official is not doing a good job?

- A. not pay them their salary
- B. impeach and remove them from office
- C. not vote for them if they run again
- D. force them to resign from office

C. not vote for them if they run again

2. Which of the following is a basic responsibility of citizens living in the United States?

- A. getting a driver's license
- B. earning as much money as possible
- C. paying income taxes
- D. running for political office

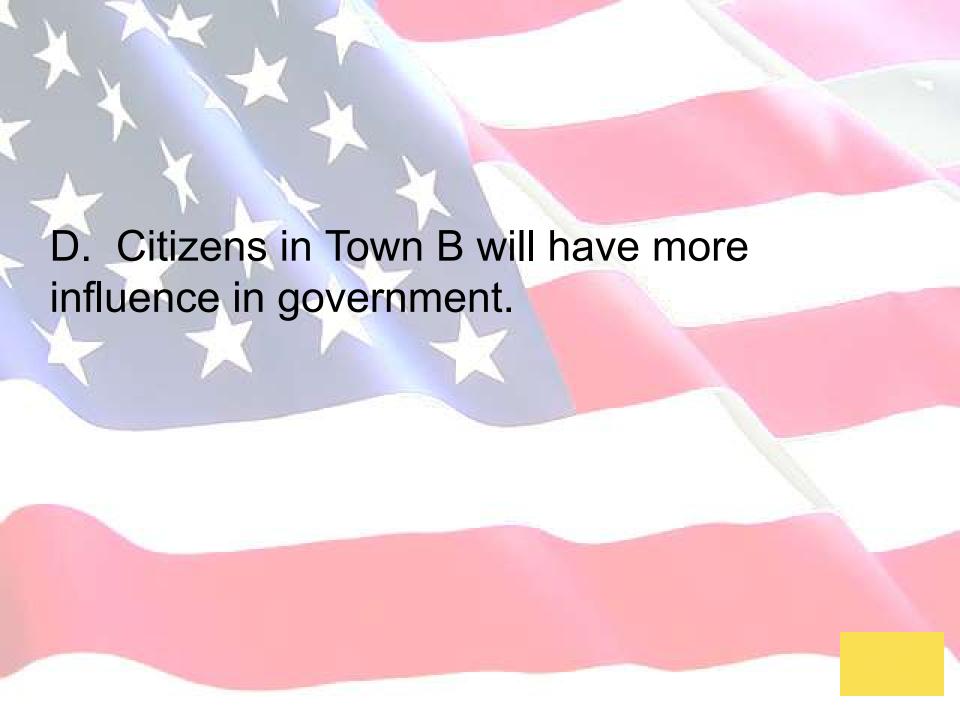


3. The local government is planning on building a new road in your town. You and others are not in favor of this road. What is the BEST way your group, acting as good citizens, could get the government to change its plans?

- A. get citizens to agree not to use the road when it is built
- B. vote next year against leaders who wanted the road
- C. get citizens to sign a petition opposing the road
- D. write letters to your senators in Washington

# C. get citizens to sign a petition opposing the road

- Two neighboring towns are fairly similar to each other. One important difference is that the citizens in Town A do not care much about voting. The citizens in Town B believe that voting is a responsibility. In this situation, which of the following statements is probably true?
  - A. There are fewer federal laws in Town A than in Town B.
  - B. There is a larger population of citizens in Town B than in Town A.
  - C. Citizens in Town A will know more about their civil rights.
  - D. Citizens in Town B will have more influence in government.



5. Your town has had an increase in the number of dogs roaming the town and destroying property. Some people want to ban dogs from the town. You like dogs. Which of the following would be an example of civic participation?

- A. You do not take any action, because you do not think it is a problem.
- B. You get your friends together and take your dogs for a walk.
- C. You go to a class where people are taught animal control and safety rules for dogs.
- D. You keep your dog fenced in your yard.

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6. Which of the following belong to all of the citizens of the United States and cannot be taken away?

- A. individual rights
- B. driving a car
- C. certain privileges
- D. going to college



#### 7. Why is it important to have representatives in our government?

- A. It allows people who are well educated to make decisions.
- B. It allows citizens to have a voice in the decision making process.
- C. Representatives in our government can change our freedoms granted by the Bill of Rights.
- D. Representatives in our government can only make decisions based on their personal beliefs.

B. It allows citizens to have a voice in the decision making process.

- 8. The Bill of Rights includes the first ten amendments of the Constitution. Which of these rights is included in this document?
- A. People will be tried without an attorney.
- B. People will not be allowed to bear arms.
- C. People have the right to a speedy trial.
- D. People must choose the religion set forth by the government.

C. People have the right to a speedy trial.

9. Your parents want to support a person who is running for mayor. There are a number of ways that they can support a candidate. All of the following are appropriate actions EXCEPT

- A. passing out materials supporting the candidate.
- B. replacing the opponent's signs with their candidate's signs.
- C. voting for their candidate in the election.
- D. giving money to their candidate's campaign.

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10. Every day your town throws away lots of plastic bottles. What can you do to show better citizenship?

- A. take the trash to an incinerator
- B. support a recycling center
- C. take the trash to the next town
- D. use a larger trash receptacle



11. American citizens have both rights and responsibilities. Which statement is TRUE?

- A. Checking out a library book is a right.
- B. A right is earned.
- C. A right is guaranteed by law.
- D. Taking a field trip is a right.



 How old must you be to vote in a U.S. election?

A. 16

B. 18

C. 21

D. 25



- Edward has never registered to vote. Two weeks before election day, he decides to go to the board of elections office to register as a voter in Georgia. Which of the following could the election official legally ask to see before registering Edward?
- A. Proof that Edward has paid his voter registration fee
- B. Proof that Edward can read enough to complete the ballot
- C. Proof that Edward is now living in the state of Georgia
- D. Proof that Edward either rents an apartment or owns his own house

### C. Proof that Edward is now living in the state of Georgia

 Julian has lived in the state of Georgia for nearly all of his life but is not allowed to vote in a state election.
Which of the following would make him unable to vote?

- A. Julian is a citizen of France.
- B. Julian was not born in Georgia.
- C. Julian is 18 years old.
- D. Julian does not own property.



- Every person must meet certain requirements before he or she can vote. Which of the following is something that can be used to decide whether a person can register to vote.
  - A. Whether the person owns a home
  - B. Whether the person is a U.S. citizen
  - C. What the person's ethnic background is
  - D. Whether the person makes at least \$40,000/year

## B. Whether the person is a U.S. citizen

Look at the qualities in the box.

- Write a letter to a magazine editor about a political policy
- Gather publicly to discuss a community issue
- Vote

These are all

- A. Rights available only to people who are age 21 or over.
- B. Rights available only to the citizens of certain states.
- C. Rights guaranteed by the Constitution and its amendments.
- D. Rights protected by the Declaration of Independence.



- Your class has been learning about pollution. One problem is that places are running out of space to store garbage. Which of the following would be an example of civic participation to solve the problem?
  - A. You and your friends visit the town's landfill.
  - B. You write a report about the garbage problem for class.
  - C. You volunteer to take the garbage to the street.
  - D. You and your class start a school recycling program.

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- The mayor of your town wants to build a road through a town park. You and your parents are against this plan. Which one of the following actions would NOT be an example of effective civic participation?
  - A. Your parents decide not to vote in the next election.
  - B. You could get your friends to make signs for a protest.
  - C. You and your parents could be in a protest against the road.
  - D. Your parents could vote against the mayor in the next election.

A. Your parents decide not to vote in the next election.

- 19. The Bill of Rights was written for several reasons. Which reason belongs in the list below?
- A. The Bill of Rights forces citizens to testify in court.
- B. The Bill of Rights clearly defines the rights of the citizens.
- C. The Bill of Rights identifies which religion citizens should choose.
- D. The Bill of Rights allows anyone, regardless of age, the right to carry a gun.

B. The Bill of Rights clearly defines the rights of the citizens.

In order to follow due process, a law must

- A. be fair and understandable to all.
- B. be followed by every American citizen.
- C. discuss the punishment for the crime.
- D. apply only to the people of certain states.



