

Role of Georgia Citizens

SS8CG1 The student will describe the role of citizens under Georgia's constitution.

- Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens.
- Explain voting qualifications and elections in Georgia.
- Explain the role of political parties in government.
- Identify wisdom, justice, and moderation as the three principles of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Georgia Flag.

- A **citizen** is a member of a political system in which people have a voice in their government. People are citizens of all the jurisdictions in which they live. They can be citizens of their country, state, county, city, etc. Being a citizen allows you to participate in our government. This also means citizens must be aware of their rights and their responsibilities.

- **Rights** are standards that keep institutions from harming people's freedom. Such institutions may be governments, police forces, businesses, or other groups. The Bill of Rights in Georgia's Constitution lists the rights of the citizens. Along with these rights come certain responsibilities.

- **Responsibility** involves knowing that actions have consequences. People and institutions must control their actions, as their actions might harm other people.

Complete the following Tasks:

Task One: Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens

- Read the information on this page as well as the list of rights and responsibilities of citizens' handout.
 - Answer the following questions on your own paper. (Write the questions or restate them)
1. What does citizenship in this country mean to you? Reference the vocabulary terms above
 2. How would you describe the difference between rights and responsibilities?
 3. Give an example of a right and a responsibility.
 4. What do you think is more important your rights or your responsibilities?

Task Two: Voting Qualifications, Elections, and Political Parties in Georgia

- Read the information sheet on elections, voting qualification, and political parties in Georgia as well as watch the video political parties at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lt-f3QQ7-A&feature=relmfu>
- Complete the handout provided in this station.

Assessment: See Me