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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES of all U.S. citizens

For government to be effective, citizens must fulfill their civic duties.

Duties are things we _____.

C_____ who choose not to fulfill these civic d_____ face
l_____ consequences.

List five duties of U.S. citizens:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. If between ages 5 and 18: _____

Responsibilities are things we _____.

Civic responsibilities are fulfilled by c_____; they are v_____.

List seven responsibilities of U.S. citizens:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

A basic responsibility of citizenship is to contribute to the common good.

Directions: Read each sentence below, and decide whether it describes duties that citizens must carry out or responsibilities citizens should fulfill. In the space provided, put a **D** if the statement describes a duty or **R** if it describes a responsibility.

- _____ 1. Citizens who read their local newspaper know what decisions government leaders have made and what effect those decisions will cause.
- _____ 2. Americans tolerate and respect the diversity of traditions and lifestyles immigrant groups have brought to this country.
- _____ 3. In most states, people attend school until they are 18 years old.
- _____ 4. By voting, Americans choose the people who run the government.
- _____ 5. Most Americans pay a percentage of the money they earn to all three levels of the government.
- _____ 6. People who serve on juries help make certain every accused person has a fair and just trial.
- _____ 7. People who attend public meetings of government bodies can often voice their opinions about government policies.
- _____ 8. In the United States, all men, 18 and over, register with the government in case the country needs them for military service.
- _____ 9. Drivers who observe the posted speed limits on the nation's streets and highways make travel safer.
- _____ 10. People should respect public property such as parks, schools, and buses.
- _____ 11. Good neighbors do not disturb their neighbors by making excessive noise.