

## Citizenship Vocabulary

1. Citizen: someone who has the right to live in a country because he or she was born there or has been legally accepted as a permanent resident
2. Citizenship: the duties and responsibilities that come with being a member of a community
3. Election: the process of choosing somebody for public office or a course of action by vote
4. Vote: to express an opinion or preference
5. Citizen's Rights: a justified claim or entitlement, or the freedom to do something
6. Duty/Responsibility: duties are actions that we are required to do; responsibilities are actions we should do; they are obligations that we fulfill voluntarily
7. Civic Participation: carrying out duties and responsibilities to help ensure the safety and success of the government and the country
8. Naturalized Citizen: one who is foreign-born and chooses to become a citizen through a legal process called naturalization
9. Freedoms: the opportunity to exercise one's rights, powers or desires: such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion
10. Roles of Citizens: citizens can participate through various roles in a country from being a law abiding citizen who pays taxes and votes in elections to being a citizen who runs for public office or serves in the military
11. Political Process: the method used where candidates for public office are nominated and elected
12. Influence: the capacity or power of persons or things to be a compelling force on or produce effects on the actions, behavior or opinions of others
13. Representative Government: a system of government by which the people elect their lawmakers (representatives), who are then held accountable to them for their activity within government
14. Nonrepresentative Government: a system of government where officials are not a true representation of the people

15. Characteristics of representative government: a voting public that is informed on political platforms and issues, secret ballot elections, scheduled elections, fair and equal representation
16. Characteristics of nonrepresentative government: people do not vote on government officials, governments are ruled by tradition or by force