

SUBJECT: UNDERSTANDING BASIC SOCIAL AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES

LESSON NAME: EMPATHY & U.S. CITIZENSHIP

Overview	
Time Needed	45-60 minutes
Materials Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop • Projector • Speakers • Internet Access
Learning Objectives	<p>Participants will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand how rules of society affect them 2. Understand how their actions can affect those around them
Common Core Standards Met	<p>History/Social Studies (Grades 6-8)</p> <p>http://www.corestandards.org/read-the-standards/</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.</p>

Step-By-Step	
Activity	<p>Explain the following to participants:</p> <p>According to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services website (https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/citizenship-rights-and-responsibilities):</p> <p>“Citizenship is the common thread that connects all Americans. We are a nation bound not by race or religion, but by the shared values of freedom, liberty, and equality.</p> <p>Throughout our history, the United States has welcomed newcomers from all over the world. The contributions of immigrants have helped shape and define the country we know today. More than 200 years after our founding, naturalized citizens are still an important part of our democracy. By becoming</p>

a U.S. citizen, you too will have a voice in how our nation is governed.

The decision to apply is a significant one. Citizenship offers many benefits and equally important responsibilities. By applying, you are demonstrating your commitment to this country and our form of government.

Below you will find several rights and responsibilities that all citizens should exercise and respect. Some of these responsibilities are legally required of every citizen, but all are important to ensuring that America remains a free and prosperous nation.

Rights	Responsibilities
Freedom to express yourself	Support and defend the Constitution
Freedom to worship as you wish	Stay informed of the issues affecting your community
Right to a prompt, fair trial by jury	Participate in the democratic process
Right to vote in elections for public officials	Respect and obey federal, state, and local laws
Right to apply for federal employment requiring U.S. citizenship	Respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others
Right to run for elected office	Participate in your local community
Freedom to pursue "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"	Pay income and other taxes honestly, and on time, to federal, state, and local authorities
	Serve on a jury when called upon
	Defend the country if the need should arise

Accommodations and Modifications:

- Participants who need extra assistance may be given pre-made materials in which they only need to fill in certain pieces of missing information.
- Participants who need to be challenged may be required to find additional information or be given a special project he/she can share with his peers.
- Create lessons based on a child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or

	English Learner (EL) accommodations and modification checklist.
Discussion	<p>Use the following prompts to engage in a discussion with participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do rights/responsibilities on Guam mirror those of the States? • What would happen if there were no laws? • How does empathy play a part in citizenship? • What would happen if law enforcement officers had no empathy? Judges?
Journal	<p>Brainstorm different ways in which lawmakers and local leaders can encourage island residents to be good citizens, practicing empathy while still following all local and federal laws.</p>