

SS.7.C.2.2

Evaluate the obligations citizens have to obey laws, pay taxes, defend the nation, and serve on juries.

Also Assesses

SS.7.C.2.3 - Experience the responsibilities of citizens at the local, state, or federal levels

SS.7.C.2.14 - Conduct a service project to further the public good

SS.7.C.2.2 Benchmark Clarification 5: Students will use scenarios to assess specific obligations of citizens.

Obligation	Scenario
Obeying laws	A citizen is driving on a highway that has a posted speed limit. The citizen is obligated to obey the posted speed limit and not exceed it.
Paying taxes	A citizen eats a meal in a restaurant and then gets the bill. The bill includes a sales tax. The citizen is obligated to pay the sales tax in addition to the cost of the meal.
Jury duty	A citizen receives a letter telling him or her to report for jury duty. The citizen is obligated to go to court on the assigned day or risk getting into trouble with the court by not showing up.
Defending the nation	A male citizen turns 18; he must register for the selective service System, which he can do online on the Selective Service System website.

obligation - a requirement, something a person has to do

selective service - a system by which men ages 18 through 25 register with the U.S. government for military service



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