

Citizenship in the Community

Syllabus (School Year)



Course Description:

A nation is a patchwork of communities that differ from each other and may be governed differently. But regardless of how local communities differ, they all have one point in common: In the United States, local government means self-government. Good citizens help to make decisions about their community through their elected local officials.

Day 1:

- 1) Discuss rights, duties and obligations of a citizen and what it takes to be a good citizen in your community, scouting unit, place of worship or school. (Req 1)
- 2) Review a map of Orange County and locate chief government buildings (city hall, courthouse, public works/services facilities), fire and police stations, hospital, and historical or other interesting points. (Req 2.A)
- 3) Chart the organization of Local or State Government. (Req 2.B)
 - Show hierarchy and whether they were elected or appointed
- 4) Community Services and why they are important to our community (Req 6)
- 5) Discuss Requirement 3, 4, 7, and 8 homework assignments
- 6) Homework:
 - Due on Day 2:
 - i) Requirement 3: Discuss the issue you chose during the meeting you attended where difference of opinions were expressed
 - ii) Requirement 4: Discuss the issue you chose that is important to citizens of your community
 - Due on Day 3:
 - i) Requirement 7: Volunteer Tracking Form
 - ii) Requirement 8: Community Presentations

Day 2:

- 1) Discuss issues chosen from Requirements 3 and 4
- 2) Watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community: "Radio"

Day 3:

- 1) Turn in Requirement 7: Volunteer Tracking Form
- 2) Give group presentations
- 3) Sign off blue cards