

FP.C&G.4.3

Analyze the roles of citizens of North Carolina and the United States in terms of responsibilities, participation, civic life and criteria for membership or admission (e.g., voting, jury duty, lobbying, interacting successfully with government agencies, organizing and working in civic groups, volunteering, petitioning, picketing, running for political office, residency, etc.).

Students will understand:

1. Citizenship involves recognition of individual rights and responsibilities for political participation. (Rule of law, equal justice under the law, private property rights, federalism, due process, individual rights as set forth in the Bill of Rights, individual responsibility)
2. Political, religious, and economic freedoms provided to citizens are often accompanied by the responsibility of active civic participation at the individual, community, state, and national levels. (Rule of law, equal justice under the law, private property rights, federalism, due process, individual rights as set forth in the Bill of Rights, individual responsibility)
3. An increased level of citizen participation often results in a government which is more responsive to the needs and interests of the people. (Individual responsibility)
4. Active citizenship often promotes the opportunity for personal, social, economic, and political choice. (Rule of law, equal justice under the law, private property rights, federalism, due process, individual rights as set forth in the Bill of Rights, individual responsibility)
5. The citizen in the democratic system has an obligation to ensure that government fulfills the duties for which it is established.

Students will know:

1. Various ways individuals participate in civic life. (Individual responsibility)
2. The criteria for becoming a United States citizen.
3. The role citizens play in influencing government policies and actions. (Individual responsibility)
4. Effective methods of influencing government. (Individual responsibility)
5. How citizens may use and be influenced by the media in active civic decision-making.
6. Examples of ways in which citizens may ensure government fulfills its duties.