

Task-Based Activity: Understanding your role as a Canadian citizen

Laubach Connection: Laubach Way to Reading (LWR) Book 3, Lesson 22

OALCF Link

Relevant Goal Paths

Apprenticeship, Employment, Independence, Postsecondary, Secondary School Credit

Rationale: Learners on all of the goal paths will need to read information from the Internet for a variety of different reasons. In addition, most learners are Canadian citizens and should understand their role and responsibilities.

Task-Based Activity Description: The learner will read a brief text (excerpt from Internet website) to locate and connect information about the role and responsibilities of a Canadian citizen.

Competency, Task Group and Level Indicators

(See Assessment page for performance descriptors)

A: Find and Use Information

A1: Read continuous text

- **A1.2:** Read text to locate and connect ideas and information

Materials Required

- Pen or pencil and eraser
- Question sheets

Overview

Activity Introduction

This task uses an excerpt from a government website where you can learn about citizenship in Canada.

Lesson twenty-two is about a family from Cuba who become U.S. citizens. Discuss with the learner if they know anyone who has ever had to go through the process of becoming a Canadian citizen. Discuss the fact that in Canada there are responsibilities associated with being or becoming a Canadian citizen and it is important to know what these responsibilities are.

New words

Determine any new words that you think are being introduced in the activity and review those words with the learner. Suggested words: principles, individuals, arbitrary, prosperity, territorial, impartial, citizen.

Instructions

1. Have the learner fill in their name and the date.
2. Have the learner complete the pre self-assessment.
3. Have the learner complete the task-based activity.
4. After completing the activity have the learner complete the post self-assessment.
5. After the learner has completed the task-based activity complete the assessment section and review the results with the learner.

Extension activities

- Have a group discussion about your role as a Canadian citizen
- Research and discuss basic human rights

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Learner Name: _____ Date: _____

Pre self-assessment

I need to improve my skills at reading texts:

Yes

No

Activity



Citizenship Responsibilities

In Canada, rights come with responsibilities. These include:

- **Obedying the law** — One of Canada's founding principles is the rule of law. Individuals and governments are regulated by laws and not by arbitrary actions. No person or group is above the law.
- **Taking responsibility for oneself and one's family** — Getting a job, taking care of one's family and working hard in keeping with one's abilities are important Canadian values. Work contributes to personal dignity and self-respect, and to Canada's prosperity.
- **Serving on a jury** — When called to do so, you are legally required to serve. Serving on a jury is a privilege that makes the justice system work as it depends on impartial juries made up of citizens.
- **Voting in elections** — The right to vote comes with a responsibility to vote in federal, provincial or territorial and local elections.
- **Helping others in the community** — Millions of volunteers freely donate their time to help others without pay—helping people in need, assisting at your child's school, volunteering at a food bank or other charity, or encouraging newcomers to integrate. Volunteering is an excellent way to gain useful skills and develop friends and contacts.
- **Protecting and enjoying our heritage and environment** — Every citizen has a role to play in avoiding waste and pollution while protecting Canada's natural, cultural and architectural heritage for future generations.

Source: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/publications/discover/section-04.asp>

1. As a Canadian citizen what are three things you have a responsibility to do?

- _____
- _____
- _____

2. What types of elections are you responsible to vote in, as a Canadian citizen?

3. What is your role with respect to protecting and enjoying our environment?

Post self-assessment

I think my skills have improved as a result of completing this activity.

Yes

No

Learner comments:

Assessment

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Learner Name: _____ Date: _____

Practitioner Name: _____

Performance Descriptors	Needs Work	Improving	Excellent
A1.2: Read texts to locate and connect ideas and information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• scans text to locate information• locates multiple pieces of information in simple texts• makes low-level inferences• makes connections between sentences and between paragraphs in a single text• reads more complex texts to locate a single piece of information• follows the main events of descriptive, narrative and informational texts• obtains information from detailed reading• begins to identify sources and evaluate information			

The learner needs to work on the following:

This task was successfully completed

This task needs to be tried again

Practitioner Comments:

Learner Comments: