

Be a Global Citizen!

Everyone is a citizen of a country. There's also local and state citizenship. Did you know that you're a citizen of your school community, as well?

So what exactly does it mean to be a citizen, anyway? A *citizen* is a member of a community with rights and responsibilities. In school, you receive an education (a right), and you must obey school rules (a responsibility). Can you name other rights and responsibilities that come with citizenship?

There's a community that's even bigger than your country that you can be a citizen of, no matter where you

live. It's our planet. We're connected with people around the globe like never before, from where we buy and sell, to the air we breathe, to the technology that makes anyone's ideas just a click away. Through the United Nations, you have rights common to all people globally. You also have a responsibility to respect all people's rights. National citizenship remains important, but our common bonds and challenges are bigger than any national borders. Embrace the world—be a global citizen!



Did You Know?

The United Nations is a group of more than 190 countries that work together to promote peace and create a better world.

What's the Word?

Use the clues to unscramble the following words relating to global citizenship.
(Answer key on reverse side.)

- ## 1. CROOALBTEAL

(To work together)

- ## 2. YETDISRVI

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(Inclusion of different types of people)

- ### 3. LALBGO

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(Opposite of local)

- #### 4. LNTPAE

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(Earth is one, Mars is another)

- ## 5. LERIOSSIYNPITB

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(“Do you take _____
for your actions?”)

- ## 6. SIRHGT

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(Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for civil _____.)

- ## 7. KASTE AOICNT

(A global citizen _____
to improve the world.)

BONUS CHALLENGE: Unscramble the circled letters to complete the phrase below.

From our own communities, we can bring positive change to the whole world by following this advice:

[illegible]



Every Day Global Citizenship

You have the opportunity to be a global citizen every day by

- Learning about, respecting, and communicating with different people.
- Solving problems peacefully.
- Standing up for rights and challenging injustice.
- Conserving resources and protecting the environment.

Write About It: How might you be a global citizen in each of the following activities? Record your ideas on a separate sheet of paper.



Reading the newspaper



Shopping and dining



Cleaning up



Spending your free time

For Discussion, Thought, and Debate

- How can being an active global citizen make you a better U.S. citizen?
- How does a global citizen protect and respect the rights of others?
- Can you think of a challenge that is both local (a problem in your community) and global (a problem around the world)?

Did You Know?

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution establish many rights for people in the United States. The United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights does the same for people everywhere in the world.

In the United States:	The Universal Declaration of Human Rights:
All people are created equal (Declaration of Independence)	All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights (Article 1)
People have the right to exercise their religion freely (U.S. Constitution, Amendment 1)	People have the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion (Article 18)

There are also rights in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that are not in the U.S. Constitution, such as:

- Freedom to leave one's country and to move to another
- Right to marriage and family
- Right to education