



Roles for Participation in Democracy

Before taking the next steps in Project Citizen, consider each of the questions below. As you answer each question, be sure to include evidence and examples from Chapter 1 to explain your answers. These questions ask for opinions about the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy and knowledge about participation and its consequences. You may not be confident in all your answers yet, and that is to be expected.

1. What are the responsibilities of citizens when participating in civic life? Explain your answer.

2. What can citizens do to influence the development and implementation of public policy in their community? Explain your answer.

3. How can citizens gain access to governmental agencies in their communities, their states, and the nation? Explain your answer.

4. Why is it important for people to be informed and active in civic life? What might be the consequences of individuals not participating in civic life or not being informed when participating? Explain your answer.

▲ *Keep this student reflection so you can compare your answers to the same questions after you have finished Project Citizen at the end of Chapter 4.*