

CONTRIBUTING CITIZENSHIP WORKSHEET



Name: _____ Grade: _____ Advisor : _____

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CONTRIBUTING CITIZEN?

To be a citizen means to be a **member** of a community. You may be a citizen of a country, of a local community, even of a workplace or school, but being a citizen also means you have a **responsibility** to that larger community. As a student, being a contributing citizen at school means you have a responsibility to be involved in the life of the school – by joining a club, playing a sport, getting involved in student government or serving as a volunteer.

As a member of a larger community, the community where you live, your responsibilities are increasing as you get older. Once you turn 18, your responsibilities will increase dramatically: if you are a U.S. citizen, for example, you will be able to vote and serve on a jury; you must register for military service if you are a male. You will also be expected to become more involved in your community after your graduation, whether you are joining the workforce or the military or going on to post-secondary education. Someday you may even need your community to assist you.

How do you participate in the community at school? _____

How do you participate in the life of your larger community? _____
