

Topic: Community and Citizenship

Let's get started...

Where in the community did you go today? What community resources did you use today?

Background:

Participating in the community has many advantages. For example, becoming a U.S. citizen allows you to vote in elections, have government jobs, and travel with a U.S. passport. Getting a driver's license allows you to have transportation. Getting a library card allows you to check out books and other materials from the library. Volunteering in the community allows you to meet new people and make a difference in your community.



In pairs for 5 minutes, ask and answer these questions:

How do you use the following community resources?

- Bus
- Post office
- Library
- City Hall
- School

Share your partner's answers with the group.



Discussion Questions:

What are some advantages to becoming a U.S. citizen?

How can you become a U.S. citizen?

What do you know about American history?

What do you know about American politics?

Do you have a driver's license in your native country? Do you have a driver's license in America?

What are some advantages to getting your driver's license?

What are some disadvantages to using a car as transportation?

How can you get your driver's license?

Where can you get information about getting your driver's license?

What are some other kinds of transportation in America? What kinds of transportation do you usually use?

Are libraries similar in America and in your native country?

What are some advantages to getting a library card?

Do you have a library card? How can you get a library card?

What are some resources you can use in the library?

Which libraries do you use in Washington? Do you always go to the same library?

Have you ever volunteered in America before? Where? What did you do?

Did you volunteer in your native country? What did you do?

What are some reasons that people volunteer?

What are some advantages to volunteering in the community?

How can you volunteer in the community?

What are some different kinds of volunteer opportunities in the community? Where can you find about different volunteer opportunities?

In your native country, do people often volunteer? Where do they volunteer?

What organizations do volunteer work in your city?

New words and Idioms:

Volunteer, citizen, politics, advantages, disadvantages,