



Civics

Introduction

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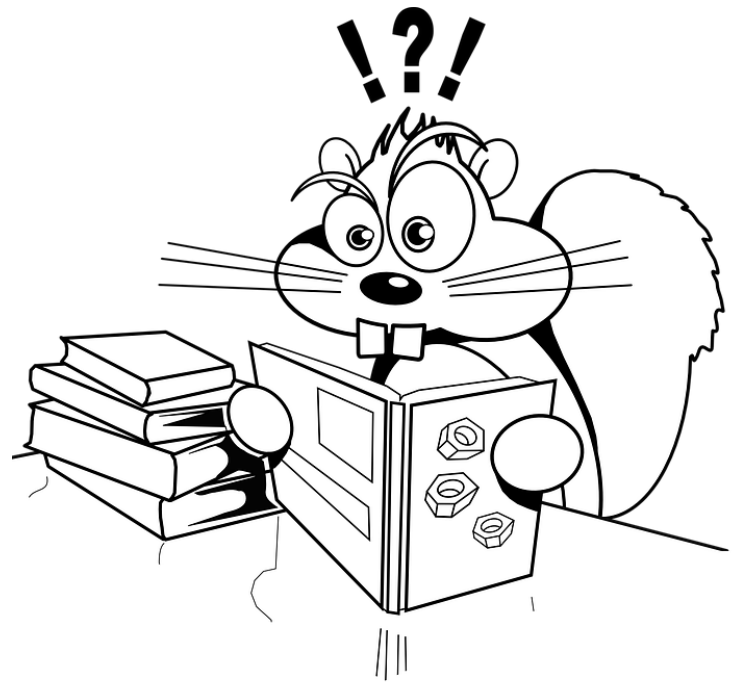


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That’s an amazing **TEXTBOOK** definition.

But what does that mean?



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What do you think of when we talk about Civics?

Share some of the concepts or ideas that come to mind.

What is civic education?



Civic education is the study of the **theoretical**, **political** and **practical** aspects of **citizenship**, as well as its rights and duties.

We study what people do that affects fellow citizens, especially when that relates to government services or ideas.

What is a citizen?

A **citizen** is “a **legally recognized** subject or national of a state or commonwealth, either **native** or **naturalized**.”



What is a citizen?

Do citizens have to “**do anything**” to keep their status?

What **actions** or **responsibility** should be expected of people in **exchange for their rights**?

Or should rights be **afforded** to people no matter what they do?



What is a citizen?

Does one need to be
citizen to be a
productive member of
society?



What is a citizen?

In Canada, **citizens** have certain rights and responsibilities but there are many other categories of residents in terms of their status.

Are they afforded equal status?

Should they be?



Your Task

What do you think it means to be a “good citizen”?

Write a well organized paragraph, including a topic sentence, thesis, an argument with evidence and a conclusion.

Your answer should be 200-300 words in length, double spaced and posted in the forum.

