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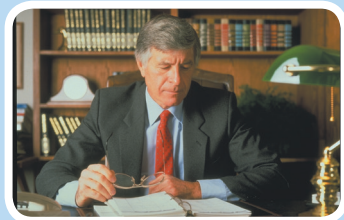
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Americans believe that everyone should have equal rights. No one should be treated differently because of their age, abilities, race, religion or gender. (Gender means whether a person is a man or a woman).

One of our most important rights is the right to free speech. Free speech is the right to express your thoughts and opinions. Free speech does not mean we can say anything we want to. We have the responsibility to tell the truth. We have the responsibility to use our words to make things better and not to hurt others.

Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards: SS.2.A.1.1: Examine primary and secondary sources. SS.2.A.1.2: Utilize the media center, technology or other informational sources to locate information that provides answers to questions about a historical topic. SS.2.C.2.2: Define and apply the characteristics of responsible citizenship. SS.2.C.2.3: Explain why U.S. citizens have guaranteed rights and identify rights. SS.2.C.2.4: Identify ways citizens can make a positive contribution to their community.

Rights and Responsibilities



A mayor is the leader of a city. The people who live in a city vote for the person they want to be the mayor. A mayor has the responsibility to listen to the citizens. Mayors must do their best to make the city clean and safe for everyone. Most mayors have lots of people who help them every day.

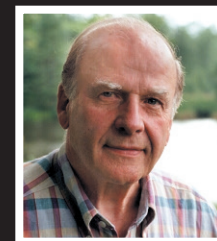


City commissioners are people who help the mayor make decisions. The citizens vote for the people they want to be city commissioners. Many people have jobs that help make our cities great places to live. Police officers and firefighters help keep the city safe. Waste collectors help keep the city clean.

Everyone has the right to live in a safe, clean community. But it takes hard work to make a community a good place to live. Everyone who lives in a community must work together. We all have a responsibility to do everything we can to keep our community clean and safe.



American citizens who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote. They elect the leaders of their city, state and country. Voting is an important responsibility, too. In some countries, citizens do not have the right to vote.



In the 1960s, a senator from Wisconsin started to worry that people were not taking very good care of the Earth. Senator Gaylord Nelson decided to try to get people to work together to stop pollution and protect the Earth. The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970. Now Americans celebrate Earth Day in April every year.



You can do many things to help make your community clean and safe. You can pick up trash. You can recycle bottles, cans and newspapers. You can follow the rules that help keep you safe, like wearing a bicycle helmet. What other ways can you think of?



Long ago, many children worked in factories. Factories are places where things are made. They had to work every day except Sunday and could not go to school. Many children worked in mills where cloth was made, and many boys worked in mines.

Name _____

Word Search

Word Bank

- mayor
- right
- vote
- factory
- earth
- recycle

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Write a sentence about some ways you and your family can help protect the Earth.

Put these sentences in order by writing a number on the line next to each sentence.

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