



My Neighborhood



Citizenship 2





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What I will learn in this project

Who lives in my neighborhood
Where my neighborhood begins and ends
How to be a good neighbor, citizen, and leader
How groups of people work together in a neighborhood
What groups or clubs are in my neighborhood
How clubs and groups work

What I will do in this project

Record my answers and ideas
Explore my neighborhood
Create a map
Think and learn
Discover my personal resources
Share what I learn with others

A good citizen

A good citizen is also a good neighbor. Good neighbors do things that make them good citizens, such as

- Caring about his or her neighbors, community, and environment
- Thinking of others when making decisions
- Treating others as he or she would like to be treated
- Respecting other people, property, and animals
- Being fair to others





Being a Good Neighbor

When you live in a neighborhood, other people are affected by you and what you do, just as you are affected by them. It is important that each person in the neighborhood acts in a way that does not take away the rights of the other people there. This is what being a good citizen in the neighborhood is all about.

Neighborhoods often have rules or even laws that protect the rights of those who live there. These may vary in different neighborhoods. What laws or rules govern your neighborhood? What action could you take to be a good neighbor? For each item below, list the rules or laws for your neighborhood or a way that you could be a good neighbor.

Property laws protect the things people own.

★ *A property law in my neighborhood is*

Pet laws say pets must be kept on the owner's property or on a leash.

★ *A pet law in my neighborhood is*

Noise laws say you should not disturb others with loud noises.

★ *A noise law in my neighborhood is*

Pollution laws prohibit burning, dumping trash, contaminating stream or rivers, or using dangerous chemicals.

★ *A pollution law in my neighborhood is*

Litter laws say property should be clean and free of trash.

★ *A litter law in my neighborhood is*

Look around your neighborhood or community to see if there are any signs of people's rights being abused. How many did you find? Draw or list examples of people's rights being abused.

