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The Importance Of Civic Education

# The need for civic education

Civic education helps us to:

1. Understand our rights; it helps us to know what to expect from the government.

2. Understand our responsibilities; it helps us to understand what we should do for our country.

3. Know how to practise democracy properly.

4. Learn more about how our government works; it helps us to learn how our leaders rule the country.

# The importance of civic education national development

1. Civic education teaches us how to cooperate with one another, even if we practise different religions, and belong to different ethnic groups.

2. It teaches us how we can make our society better.

3. It teaches that we should pay our taxes, and it shows us why we should do so

4. It teaches us to obey rules and regulations.

5. It helps us to understand what the government is doing to protect us.

6. Civic education teaches us how we can become better citizens of our country.

7. It helps us to ask questions on what government is doing for us as citizens.

Evaluation

1. Give three reasons why civic education is important.

2. If we do not pay our taxes, what will happen?

3. Mention three things we can learn if we study civic education.

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Find out the meaning of these words:

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Civic rights ,.

Skills

The school (1)

# Rules and regulations in the school

Rules and regulations in the school are:

1. What we should do in the school environment.

2. What we should not do in the school environment.

School rules

1. Be punctual at school.

2. Attend school regularly.

3. You must be neat and tidy at all times.

4. Be polite.

5. Obey the teacher

6. Do not run when going up and down the stairs.

7. Do not tell lies.

8. Do not make noise in the classroom.

9. Do not fight in school.

10 Obey the prefects.

11.Do your classwork and homework promptly.

Two children fighting

# Punctuality and regularity

Punctuality and regularity will help you become a better person in

future. Here are some ways in which you can learn to be punctual

and regular in whatever you are doing.

1. Attend school everyday of the week.

2. Always think of the time and day you should do something.

3. Submit your classwork and homework to the teacher on time.

4. Participate in class activities.

Reward for obedience

PRIZE GIVING DAY

.A pupil receiving a prize on a prize giving day

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Pupils who obey rules could be rewarded in the following ways:

1. Being praised by the teacher and the head teacher.

2. Being given a prize by the school.

3. Being respected by the teachers and other pupils.

A child kneeling down and raising his hands

Reward for disobedience

1. Those who disobey rules may get punished by the teacher.

2. They Would be noted specially for disobedience (by the teachers

and pupils)

3. The teacher would report them to thier parents.

4. They may be sent away from school.

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Evaluation

Answer the following questions:

1. List six school rules and regulations.

2. Mention three rewards of obeying school rules and regulations.

3. Write two things which would make a pupil earn punishment from

the teacher.

New words

Find out the meaning of these new words:

Punctual

Regular

Neat

Polite

Honest

Discipline

The school (2)

Duties of class monitors and prefects

1. They keep the class neat and tidy. When the class is tidy, we will

be comfortable and then we will learn new things easily.

2. They clean the chalkboard. When the chalkboard is clean, it will

be easy for the teacher to write on it, and we will see it clearly.

3. They stop noise making in the class. We will learn better when

the class is quiet. t·

4. They help the teacher to organise the class. For example, they

. distribute books, pencils, crayons and such things. They also

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collect our books when we finish our work. Sometimes, they

arrange our books on the shelves.

5. They report disobedient pupils to the school authorities.

6. They make sure other pupils are orderly.

7. They make sure that the school compound is neat.

A class monitor cleaning the chalkboard

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Qualities of class monitors and prefects

A class monitor helping the teacher to distribute books to the other pupils

1. They are hardworking.

2. They are humble

3. They are regular in school.

4. They are neat.

5. They are intelligent.

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A monitor arranging books on the shelf

6. They are disciplined.

7. They are honest.

8. They are punctual.

9. They are obedient.

10.They do their classwork and homework on time.

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A class prefect doing her work

11. They do not fight in school and at home.

12. They are friendly.

Developing and sustaining qualities in pupils

School authorities can encourage class monitors and

prefects that do their work very well by:

1. Giving them prizes. ,.

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2. Helping them to get scholarships.

3. Telling the Parent-Teacher Association about them.

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A prefect receiving a scholarship from the head teacher

Evaluation

Answer these questions

1. Mention five duties of class monitors.

2. Mention five qualities of class monitors.

3. "Mention three things that can be done to appreciate the work

"done by good class monitors.

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New words

Find out the meaning of these new words:

Tidy

Comfortable

Organise

Disobedient

Shelf

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The community

Our community

A community is made up of a group of people. They live close to

each other in a place. They obey rules and regulations.

People in a community

Types of communities

1.. Traditional communities. Examples are villages and small towns.

They are sometimes ruled by traditional rulers. The people know

each other.

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A small town

A village on a river

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2. Modern communities. Examples are large towns and cities.

Most of the people do not know each other very well. The

communities are ruled by government officials. The people use

modern equipment, like machines, and cars.

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A city setting with cars, fine houses, etc.

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e school community: The school is also a community. We

spend a lot of our time there. Sometimes, pupils live in a part of

the school called a boarding house or a hostel. People in the

school community are always learning new things. The head

teacher is the leader of the school community.

A school

embers of the community

1". In families, we have father, mother, children, uncles, aunts,

'.. cousins, grandparents and others.

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Family members in the community

2. In the community, we have leaders like the obas, obis and emirs

who see to the welfare of the community. We also have chairmen

of local government councils and other government officials. Of

course, we also have members of the community.

3. In the school, we have the head teacher, other teachers, the

pupils, and other people who help to look after the school. Some

-of such people are secretaries, gardeners, cleaners and

-sometimes, cooks. ,.

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Rules in the community

Members who live together have rules and regulations that they

obey. If people obey rules and regulations, they will be happy. If

people disobey, the community will not make good progress.

Rules are made to promote orderliness, cooperation, happiness

of all, respect and loyalty. Here are examples of some community

rules:

1. Keep the environment clean.

2. Do not loiter in the streets at night.

3. Security guards must lock the street gates at midnight.

4. Street gates should be opened at 5am

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A boy cutting grass

Evaluation

1. What is a community?

2. Mention three types of communities.

3. (0) Select two kinds of communities.

(b) -State two ways in which these two communities are

different from each other.

4. List five members of a community. >-

5. List three rules of a good community.

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Community leaders

In our traditional settings, we have leaders like:

1. Oba - Yoruba

2. Sarki - Hausa

3. Eze - Igbo

4. Onogie-Ishan

5 Etsu - Nupe

6. Ohinoyi - Ebira

There are other chiefs who support the community heads.

Roles of community leaders

1.Our community leaders settle disputes.

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Community leaders shaking hands after settling a dispute

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2. They promote peace at all times.

3. They regularly organise community work.

4. They make sure the community is safe for people living in it.

A community project: A government official commissioning a health

centre

Qualities of community leaders

Our leaders must be:

1. Caring

2. Loving

3. Wise

4. InteHigent

5. Honest

6. Brave, and

7. Patient

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How we appreciate community leaders and others

who do well in the community

1. We give them awards, prizes, and gifts.

2. We pay them special visits. For example, some pupils from

your school could be selected to visit a good local government

chairperson.

A community leader receiving an important person

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An exemplary community leader receiving a prize

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1. Organise a visit to the head of the community.

2. Invite an elder to speak to the class.

Evaluation

1. Name three community leaders you know.

2. Mention three roles of community leaders.

3. Mention four qualities of community leaders.

4. State two ways in which we can reward our community leaders.

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New words

Find out the meaning of these words:

1. Community

2. Rules

3. Regulations

4 Courageous

5. Commission

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health issues (I)

Keeping our surroundings clean

We can keep our surroundings clean by doing the following:

1. Sweeping and cleaning the house regularly.

2. Sweeping the classroom and the school compound everyday.

3. Putting refuse in the dustbin.

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Children engaged in general cleaning

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4. Flushing the toilet after use.

5. Passing waste in no other place but the toilet.

6. Cleaning the drains and gutters.

Someone putting refuse in the dustbin

Ensuring a clean environment

We can make sure our environment remains clean and tidy in the

following ways:

·1. We must provide enough dustbins.

2. The school authorities should inspect the school everyday.

3". We must place things in their proper places all the time.

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4. We should make sure that the grass is kept short, and all flowers

are trimmed.

A gardener trimming flowers

5. We should build good drains.

6. V'!e should not throw litter into the drains, in order not to block

them. t·

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People cutting the grass around the home

ewwords

Find out the meaning of these words:

Waste

Drains

Inspect

Evaluation

Answer these questions:

1. Mention three ways in which we can keep our surroundings

. clean.

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2. State four things which we can do to make sure our environment

remains clean.

3. Give two reasons why we should live in a clean environment.

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Health issues (2)

Sanitation (toilets)

What is a toilet?

A toilet is a place where people pass waste.

Types of toilets

We have traditional and modern toilets.

1. Traditional toilets include:

a) The pit toilet

b) The bucket toilet

c) The bush

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Pit toilet

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Bucket toilet

2. Modern toilets are the kind of toilets which people use these

days. Modern toilets are mostly found in large towns and cities.

Some people call the modern toilet 'the water system'.

Ways of keeping modern toilets clean

1. Flush the toilet after every use.

2. Clean the toilet everyday.

3. Use disinfectants to clean the toilet.

4. Do not stand on the toilet seat.

5. Mop the floors and brush the ceiling.

6. When the toilet gets faulty, call the plumber immediately.

7. When the septic tank gets filled up, ask the sanitation workers

to .clear it.

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A girl flushing the toilet

Things for cleaning the toilet: broom, toilet brush, detergent, water, and

disinfectant

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A boy brushing the ceiling in the toilet

New words

Find out the meaning of these words:

Disinfectant

Mop

Disposal

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Evaluation

Answer the following questions:

1. From the pictures in your book, and from what you have seen

around,

a) Describe one type of traditional toilet.

b) Describe the modern toilet.

2. State three ways of keeping the modern toilet clean.

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