



Citizen Action Plan

Sense of Accomplishment:

Sense of Accomplishment promotes the importance of being a good citizen. This activity encourages students to be good citizens all year and not just on special occasions.

Objective:

Students will be able to collaborate to form and follow a citizenship action plan.

Materials:

We Live Here Too by Nancy Loewen.

Steps:

- Warm-up discussion questions: What does it mean to be a good citizen? Why is it important to help the community? Does helping the community and others make you feel good or give you a sense of accomplishment?
- Read *We Live Here Too* by Nancy Loewen. In this book, students write letters to the neighborhood advice columnist who gives advice about how students can be good citizens in their schools and communities.
- Have students answer questions about the text, retell details, and describe the characters, settings, and key points.
- Next, ask students to write or ask their own questions about citizenship at school or in the community. Through this conversation, students should identify ways they could be better citizens at school.
- As a class, brainstorm ideas. For example, create a community garden, create a mural, collect school recycling bins, or pick up trash on the playground.
- Take action with one of the solutions. Form a long-term citizenship action plan where everyone can help.

Personal Reflection:

When have you helped someone else? How does it feel to help other people?

Group Reflection:

Discuss the following scenario: Your principal has announced that he or she wants all students to be good citizens. When you walk down the hallway, you notice that kids are dropping trash on the ground and not picking it up. What does it mean to be a good citizen in this case? How could you be a good citizen at school every day?

Extended Learning:

Document your citizenship plan and actions on video. Interview students on their actions and how it makes them feel. Share this with other classrooms and the community. Watch [Change the World in 5 Minutes—Everyday at School](#) for some inspiration!

Notes
