

# Rights and Responsibilities

## Summary

As members of the human race we have certain rights and with those rights come certain responsibilities. This lesson is designed to help students understand their rights and responsibilities and how it affects their lives.

**Enduring Understanding:** Students will understand their rights and responsibilities as a human being.

**Essential Questions:** What are my rights? What responsibilities come with those rights?

## Main Core Tie

Social Studies - 6th Grade

[Standard 4 Objective 2](#)

## Time Frame

1 class periods of 30 minutes each

## Group Size

Large Groups

## Materials

Paper and pencils

## Background for Teachers

Every person is guaranteed basic rights such as: freedom of speech, religion, right to be educated, feel safe, have access to health care, etc. Each right has certain responsibilities associated with it.

## Intended Learning Outcomes

Students will explore basic human rights and the responsibilities associated with them.

## Instructional Procedures

Individually, on the [Rights Worksheet](#), students will make a list of rights they have, such as: safety, education, freedom from fear, etc.

Students will choose their top three most important rights and circle them.

As a class, students will share their rights and create a class list of three important rights.

As a class, discuss the responsibilities that come with each right and put them in the "responsibilities" section of the worksheet.

Next, students will return to their individual list of rights and write the responsibilities that come with those rights. Example: the right to an education means that all have the chance to go to school and be educated. The responsibilities associated with this right are the need to attend school, do your homework, and learn.

Give the students a piece of paper and ask them to answer the following questions in a journal entry: Which right is the most important to me? (one that they would not want to live without)

What responsibilities come with that right?

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