

## Write About It

Below is a list of items a person needs to become a United States citizen. Write a paragraph on what it means to you to be a good citizen.

**To be a citizen a person must:**

- be 18 years old
- live in this country for 5 years
- have good character
- take an oath of allegiance
- understand English
- know about the United States and its history

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**Your writing should:**

- show what it means to be a good citizen.
- use facts and details to help the reader understand your point.
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

## **Writing Rubric**

### **4 Excellent**

- The writing clearly describes the writer's opinion on being a good citizen.
- It maintains a consistent point of view and has a clearly presented central idea and relevant details.
- It contains few, if any errors in grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- It is easy to read.

### **3 Good**

- The writing describes the writer's opinion on being a good citizen.
- It maintains a mostly consistent point of view and has a central idea with mostly relevant details.
- It contains some errors in grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- It is mostly easy to read.

### **2 Fair**

- The writing partly describes the writer's opinion on being a good citizen.
- It maintains an inconsistent point of view and suggests a central idea with limited details.
- It contains several errors in grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- It has some areas that are hard to read.

### **1 Unsatisfactory**

- The writing describes one part of the writer's opinion on being a good citizen.
- It lacks a clear point of view and a central idea but may contain marginally related details.
- It contains serious errors in grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- It is very hard to read.