

CITIZENSHIP #1 - DEFINITION

CITIZEN

Merriam-Webster: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/citizen>

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Dictionaries typically define citizenship in relation to residence in a town or allegiance to a governmental body.

The term citizenship can also be used in other ways. For example:

- a. Global Citizenship is a very broad term, referring to our relationship to all the facets of life of which we are an integral part.
- b. You can also think about yourself as a citizen of your family, or your university.

A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF CITIZENSHIP SHOULD INCLUDE THESE PRINCIPLES

1. Accept the responsibilities required of a citizen.
2. Understand we are all citizens at many levels; citizens of our communities, states, countries and the earth.
3. Respect all citizens.
4. Recognize the importance of all parts of our health - natural, social and financial.
5. Believe diversity is important.
6. Understand individual responsibility extends far beyond our own community.
7. Accept there are many right answers.
8. Be willing to risk individual opinion and action.
9. Be skeptical of all answers, including our own.
10. Realize things are always changing - what is good citizenship today may not be so tomorrow.

VOCABULARY

allegiance
Global Citizenship
facets
integral
responsibility
govern
governmental body
natural health
social health
financial health
diversity
skeptical