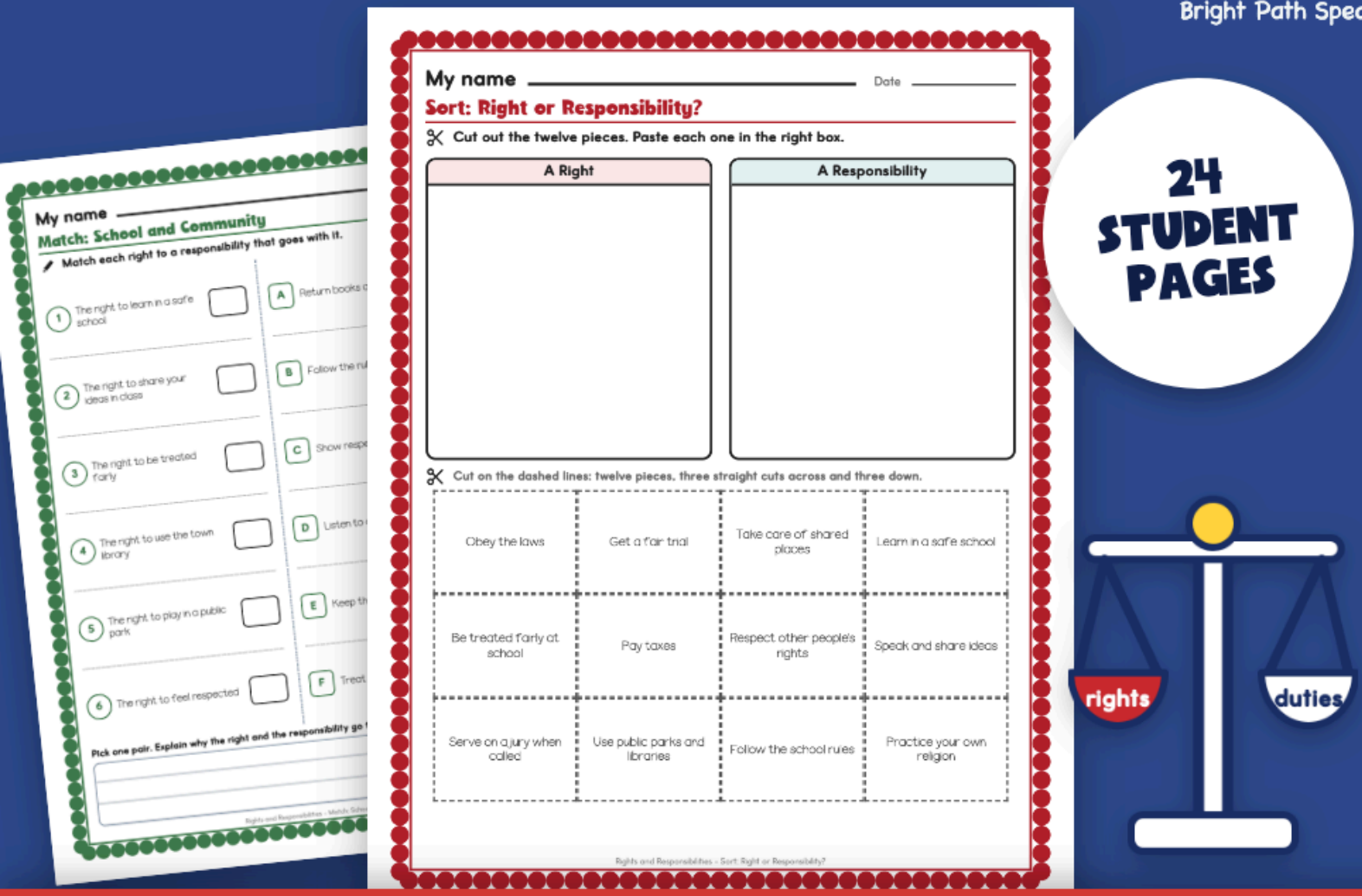
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24 STUDENT PAGES

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WORKSHEETS
GRADES 6-8

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A filled-in tracker, class grid or team note carries a real student's name. Keep it in the data folder, and use a first name only on any page that leaves your hands.

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How To Read a Page

The parts of a student page, then the page types in the order they come.

The parts of a page

- **The answer box.** A bordered box for a letter, a word or T and F. Click it to type, or print and write in it.
- **The ruled work box.** Lines 0.34 inch apart. Every writing box holds at least 3 lines; a scenario box holds 4 and a short-answer box holds 4. It types and prints.
- **The check box.** Yes or not yet: click or mark one.
- **The cut line.** Twelve pieces in a 4 by 3 grid, edge to edge: three cuts across and three down.

Page type	What it looks like	What the student does
Words and readings	2 readings, 6 checks	Read, answer three checks with a letter, then write at least 4 lines.
Word work	4 pages, 32 items	Match the words, fill in the word, decide true or false.
Sort and match	4 pages, 36 items	Cut and paste into boxes; match each right to a responsibility.
Scenarios	3 pages, 9 scenarios	Write what a responsible citizen would do in at least 4 lines.
Think and write	6 questions, a chart, an organizer	Short answers of at least 4 lines; a paragraph with claim, evidence and reasoning.
Quizzes	14 items on 2 pages	Pick the answer; then write right or responsibility.

Untimed, unscored on the page

No student page has a timer or a score on it. The keys and the tracker are for you. The answer keys are on pages 29 to 32.

General ideas, not a local rule

The readings are short summaries of ideas a middle school civics unit teaches. They do not say what a state or district requires. Where a local rule belongs, the page has a blank line for it.

Printing and the type-in fields

Every page prints clean in black and white. The name line, answer boxes, ruled boxes, chart cells and check boxes are type-in fields in any PDF reader: click, type, save. This is a fillable PDF, not a slideshow or a word-processor file.

Open answers

Scenarios, short answers, the chart, the organizer and the paragraph are open. The keys give a sample and what to look for. Accept any answer that is true to the readings and gives a reason.

PREVIEW

My name _____ Date _____

Words to Know

Read each word and its meaning. Write your own sentence.

citizen
A member of a community or a country

My sentence

right
A freedom or protection that people are owed

My sentence

responsibility
Something a person should do for others or for the group

My sentence

law
A rule made by the government that people must follow

My sentence

tax
Money people pay to the government to help pay for shared services

My sentence

jury
A group of citizens that listens to a trial and helps make it fair

My sentence

vote
To make a choice in an election

My sentence

volunteer
A person who chooses to help without being paid

My sentence

PREVIEW

My name _____ Date _____

Read: In the Nation

Read the page. Answer the checks. Then write.

What are rights and responsibilities of citizens of the United States?

In the United States, citizens have rights that are listed in the Constitution and its amendments. Some of these are freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the right to a fair trial. Citizens who are 18 or older also have the right to vote. With these rights come responsibilities. Citizens must obey laws and pay taxes. Taxes help pay for things people share, such as roads, public schools and fire departments. When a citizen is called, he or she should serve on a jury, a group of citizens that listens to a trial and helps make it fair. Voting is a right, and many people also see it as a responsibility, because an election works best when many people take part. Citizens also have a responsibility to respect the rights of others. Your right to speak freely does not mean you can ignore your neighbors' rights. Good citizens stay informed and take part.

Check what you read. Write the letter in the box.

1. Which right is listed in the Constitution and its amendments?
   - **A** Freedom of speech
   - **B** The right to skip taxes
   - **C** The right to ignore laws

2. What do taxes help pay for?
   - **A** Only the mayor's house
   - **B** Roads, public schools and fire departments
   - **C** Presents for citizens

3. What does a jury do?
   - **A** Listens to a trial and helps make it fair
   - **B** Writes the laws
   - **C** Collects the taxes

Write your answer to the question at the top of the page. Use a fact from the reading.

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My name _____ Date _____

Fill in the Word

Pick a word from the bank. Write it in the box.

Word bank

citizen	jury	laws	responsibility	right	taxes	together	vote

1. A _____ is a member of a community or a country. ☐
2. A freedom that people are owed is called a _____. ☐
3. Something you should do for others is a _____. ☐
4. Citizens pay _____ to help pay for roads and schools. ☐
5. Citizens must obey the _____ made by the government. ☐
6. A _____ listens to a trial and helps make it fair. ☐
7. Citizens who are 18 or older have the right to _____. ☐
8. Rights and responsibilities go _____. ☐

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My name _____ Date _____

True or False: The Nation

Read each sentence. Write T for true or F for false.

1. Freedom of speech is one of the rights listed in the Constitution. ☐
2. Citizens do not have to obey a law if they disagree with it. ☐
3. Taxes help pay for shared things such as roads and schools. ☐
4. A person accused of a crime has the right to a fair trial. ☐
5. Citizens who are 18 or older have the right to vote. ☐
6. Your right to speak freely means you can ignore other people's rights. ☐
7. A jury is a group of citizens that helps make a trial fair. ☐
8. Good citizens never need to stay informed about their community. ☐

Pick one false sentence. Write it again so it is true.

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My name _____ Date _____

Sort: Where Does It Happen?

Cut out the twelve pieces. Paste each one where it happens.

At School

In the Community

In the Nation

Cut on the dashed lines: twelve pieces, three straight cuts across and three down.

Listen when a classmate speaks	Return library books on time	Take a turn on a jury	Help clean up the classroom
Pick up litter in the park	Vote in a national election	Vote for a class officer	Volunteer at a food drive
Obey the laws of the country	Walk in the hall safely	Follow the posted park rules	Pay your share of taxes

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My name _____ Date _____

Match: School and Community

Match each right to a responsibility that goes with it.

1	The right to learn in a safe school	A	Return books and take care of them
2	The right to share your ideas in class	B	Follow the rules that keep everyone safe
3	The right to be treated fairly	C	Show respect to classmates and teachers
4	The right to use the town library	D	Listen to others when they share theirs
5	The right to play in a public park	E	Keep the park clean for the next person
6	The right to feel respected	F	Treat other people fairly too

Pick one pair. Explain why the right and the responsibility go together.

PREVIEW

My name _____ Date _____

What Would You Do? At School

Read each one. Write what a responsible citizen would do.

1. Someone's backpack is left open in the hallway, and a book has fallen out onto the floor.

What would a responsible citizen do? Why?

2. Your class votes on where to go on a field trip. You wanted the museum, but most classmates pick the zoo.

What would a responsible citizen do? Why?

3. The lunch table is messy after other students leave. Your friends are already walking away.

What would a responsible citizen do? Why?

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My name _____ Date _____

What Would You Do? In the Nation

Read each one. Write what a responsible citizen would do.

7 An adult in your family is called to serve on a jury and says it will be boring.

What would a responsible citizen do? Why?

8 You read an unkind post about a group of people. You have the right to speak freely, and you want to answer.

What would a responsible citizen do? Why?

9 Your cousin just turned 18 and says that one vote does not matter, so there is no reason to learn about the candidates.

What would a responsible citizen do? Why?

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My name _____ Date _____

My Rights and Responsibilities Chart

Write a right and a responsibility for each place.

Use the readings on pages 6 and 7. Add ideas of your own.

Where	A right I have	A responsibility I have
At home		
At school		
In the community		
In the nation		

A rule at my school or in my district that goes with one of these:

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My name _____ Date _____

Think It Through A

Answer each question in full sentences.

Use facts from the readings to answer.

1. What is the difference between a right and a responsibility?

2. Name one right and one responsibility a student has at school. How do they go together?

3. Why should citizens take care of shared places such as parks and libraries?

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My name _____ Date _____

Why We Need Both

Plan your answer. Write a claim, evidence and reasoning.

Question: Why do citizens need both rights and responsibilities?

Use the readings, pages 6 and 7.

Citizens need both because ____. For example, ____. This shows that ____ because ____.

Claim: Why do citizens need both?

Evidence: Give two facts or examples from the readings.

Reasoning: Explain how your facts prove your claim.

PREVIEW

My name _____ Date _____

Quiz 2: Right or Responsibility?

Write right or responsibility for each one.

1. Speaking freely _____
2. Paying taxes _____
3. Getting a fair trial _____
4. Obeying the laws _____
5. Being protected by the law _____
6. Respecting classmates _____
7. Practicing your own religion _____
8. Keeping a park clean _____

Pick one. Tell how a right and a responsibility go together.

PREVIEW

Answer Key: Readings and Word Work

The reading checks, matching, fill-in and both true-or-false pages. On the matching page the letters sit beside the meanings in the order printed.

Readings: the checks pages 6, 7

#	Reading	Answer
1	A	A: Something a person should do …
2	A	B: Pick up litter in a …
3	A	B: Chooses to help without being …
1	B	A: Freedom of speech
2	B	B: Roads, public schools and fire …
3	B	A: Listens to a trial and …

Match the Words page 8

#	Word	Letter
1	citizen	D
2	right	G
3	responsibility	B
4	law	F
5	tax	A
6	jury	H
7	vote	C
8	volunteer	E

Fill in the Word page 9

#	Starts with	Word
1	A ____ is a …	citizen
2	A freedom that people …	right
3	Something you should do …	responsibility
4	Citizens pay ____ to …	taxes
5	Citizens must obey the …	laws
6	A ____ listens to …	jury
7	Citizens who are 18 …	vote
8	Rights and responsibilities go …	together

True or False: School and Community page 10

#	Starts with	T or F
1	A student has a responsibility …	T
2	Students have no responsibilities at …	F
3	Returning library books on time …	T
4	Rights and responsibilities have nothing …	F
5	A student has the right …	T
6	Picking up litter in a …	T
7	Respecting classmates is a responsibility …	F
8	A volunteer is paid for …	F

True or False: The Nation page 11

#	Starts with	T or F
1	Freedom of speech is one …	T
2	Citizens do not have to …	F
3	Taxes help pay for shared …	T
4	A person accused of a …	T
5	Citizens who are 18 or …	T
6	Your right to speak freely …	F
7	A jury is a group …	T
8	Good citizens never need to …	F

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Answer Key: Scenarios and Find the Mistake

The nine scenarios (pages 17, 18, 19) and the mistake page (page 20). These are samples, not the only right answers.

What Would You Do?

#	Starts with	A good answer includes
1	Someone's backpack is left open in …	Pick up the book and put it back, or tell the owner or a teacher. Caring about other people's things is a responsibility at school.
2	Your class votes on where to …	Accept the result of the vote, since everyone had a turn, and still join in. You can respectfully share your idea for next time.
3	The lunch table is messy after …	Clean up the table or tell an adult who can help. A lunchroom is a shared place, and everyone who uses it helps keep it clean.
4	A library book is due tomorrow, …	Return it on time, or ask the librarian if it can be renewed. Other people are waiting to use library books too.
5	Your neighborhood has a cleanup day …	Volunteer to help. A volunteer chooses to help without being paid, and a cleaner neighborhood is better for everyone who lives there.
6	A new sign at the town …	Politely tell your friend about the sign and walk the bike out. Rules at a park keep younger children safe and the park in good shape.
7	An adult in your family is …	Serving is a responsibility that helps make a trial fair for the person on trial. A responsible citizen takes a turn when called.
8	You read an unkind post about …	A citizen may speak up, but should check the facts and stay respectful. Free speech comes with a responsibility to respect other people's rights.
9	Your cousin just turned 18 and …	Many people see voting as a responsibility. Elections are decided by many single votes, and learning about the choices first helps a voter choose well.

Find the Mistake page 20

#	Maya wrote	The right way
1	Rights are things you must do, …	Rights are freedoms and protections you are owed, and responsibilities are things you should do.
2	Taxes are money the government pays …	Taxes are money that citizens pay to the government to help pay for shared services.
3	A jury is one person who …	A jury is a group of citizens that listens to a trial and helps make it fair.
4	If you have the right to …	Even with the right to speak freely, a citizen has a responsibility to respect other people's rights.

Scoring the open pages

Scenarios, cards and the organizer have no single right answer. Look for a reason, a fact from the readings, and respect for other people's rights. Maya is an invented student. A student can fix a mistake in different words; accept any version that is true to the readings.

PREVIEW

Rights and Responsibilities Tracker

One student, every scored page. Filled example: page 37.

Student _____ Teacher _____ Month _____

Page	Page type and set	Items	Right	Date	Notes
6	Read: At School and in the Community	3			
7	Read: In the Nation	3			
8	Match the Words	8			
9	Fill in the Word	8			
10	True or False: School and Community	8			
11	True or False: The Nation	8			
12	Sort: Right or Responsibility?	12			
13	Sort: Where Does It Happen?	12			
15	Match: School and Community	6			
16	Match: The Nation	6			
20	Find the Mistake	4			
26	Quiz 1: Pick the Answer	6			
27	Quiz 2: Right or Responsibility?	8			

How to fill this in

Write how many items the student got right with no prompt, and the date. A blank means not tried yet, never wrong. There are 92 items on the 13 scored pages. Answer keys: pages 29 to 32. Filled example: page 37.

This month we are working on (your own standard or wording)

PREVIEW

Team Note

Use this page between team meetings or when a student moves classes, to hand off what changed without writing a note from scratch. Everything below is observable, with a blank for the number or the wording your team already uses.

Student _____ Team member _____ Date _____

Page type	Covered since last note (Y/N)	Items right	Still blank
Readings			
Word work			
True or false			
Sort			
Match			
Mistake, quizzes			

What I saw (observable, not a conclusion)

- Matched ___ of 6 rights to a responsibility without a prompt (page 15).
- Put ___ of 12 pieces in the right box on the first sort (page 12).
- Used a fact from a reading in the paragraph (page 25): yes / no / with a reminder.
- Gave a reason for what a responsible citizen would do: yes / no.

Next step

- Next page or set: ___, because ___ (what you saw).
- What to try in another class or at home: ___.
- What to keep doing because it is working: ___.
- Anything for the team meeting to decide: ___ (this page records what happened, never a label or a plan).

Summary, in one or two sentences, for whoever reads this next

A filled-in line, for reference

"Sorted 9 of 12 pieces on Right or Responsibility with no prompt on 10/1. Next step: reread the taxes and jury lines in the second reading." That is the level of detail this page is built for. It matches the filled example on page 37.

PREVIEW

Riley's Tracker (Invented Student)

Riley M. is invented; nothing on this page describes a real student. The blank tracker is on page 33.

Student: Riley M. (an invented student)

Teacher: Ms. Rivera (invented)

Month: September to October

Page	Page type and set	Items	Right	Date	Notes
6	Read: At School and in the Community	3	3	9/22	-
7	Read: In the Nation	3	-	-	-
8	Match the Words	8	8	9/24	-
9	Fill in the Word	8	-	-	-
10	True or False: School and Community	8	7	9/28	Marked the volunteer sentence true
11	True or False: The Nation	8	-	-	-
12	Sort: Right or Responsibility?	12	9	10/1	Sorted taxes as a right
13	Sort: Where Does It Happen?	12	-	-	-
15	Match: School and Community	6	5	10/6	Mixed up the park and library pairs
16	Match: The Nation	6	-	-	-
20	Find the Mistake	4	-	-	-
26	Quiz 1: Pick the Answer	6	5	10/10	Missed the taxes item
27	Quiz 2: Right or Responsibility?	8	-	-	-

PREVIEW

How to read it

Riley M. has done **6 of 13** scored pages and got **37 of 43** items right with no prompt. **2** pages were all right and **4** carry a note. Every number comes from the table.

What the table points to

The lowest page is Sort: Right or Responsibility? (9 of 12). That is where the next practice goes. The 7 pages left blank are not tried yet, never wrong.