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Year 6 – Indigenous Australia – Citizenship

1. What is citizenship?

2. What rights and responsibilities do you think citizens of a country should have?

RIGHTS	RESPONSIBILITIES

3. What rights and responsibilities do you have at school?

RIGHTS	RESPONSIBILITIES

4. What would it be like if these rights were taken away? Would it be fair if some class members had the rights and other didn't? Why/why not?

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AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

The privileges, freedoms and benefits of living in Australia are balanced by responsibilities. All Australians are responsible for respecting and protecting our country and ensuring that our commitment to a decent society embraces all Australians.

CORE AUSTRALIAN VALUES INCLUDE:

- constitutional government;
- respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual;
- freedom of speech and religion;
- commitment to the rule of law and allegiance to Australia;
- parliamentary democracy;
- a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play, compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good; and
- equal rights before the law and equality of opportunity for all.

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO:

- obey the law;
- defend Australia should the need arise; and
- vote in federal and state or territory elections, and in referenda.

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS HAVE PRIVILEGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BEING ABLE TO:

- apply for an Australian passport and re-enter Australia freely;
- receive help from an Australian official while overseas;
- access Medicare and Centrelink payments where applicable.

SOURCE: Australian Citizenship: Your right, your responsibility. (2014).

Commonwealth of Australia. Retrieved from <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Citizenship/Documents/your-right-your-responsibility-citizenship.pdf>



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Some sections of the fact book you may find helpful for the following activities are ‘Protection Policies’ (page 8), ‘1965 Freedom Rides’ (page 10), ‘Land Rights’ (page 14) and ‘Stolen Generations’ (page 16). The box on the previous page shows the rights, responsibilities and privileges of Australian citizenship. Explain how the rights, privileges and values identified below have been denied to Indigenous Australians?

RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND VALUES	HOW HAS THIS RIGHT, PRIVILEGE OR VALUE BEEN DENIED TO INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS?	WHAT IMPACT WOULD THIS HAVE HAD ON THEIR LIVES?
Respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual		
Freedom of speech and religion		
A spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play, compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good		
Equal rights before the law and equality of opportunity for all		
Vote in federal and state or territory elections, and in referenda		

