**Topic: Citizenship Date 1/04/2020**

**Group: 71**

**Task 1.** Answer the questions.

1)Would you get a good understanding of our society just from watching TV and films?

2)What sort of things might you misunderstand?

3)Who would you think were the most important people in our society?

**Task 2.** Read the article and share your opinions as for being a good citizen.

*I think a good citizen is a person who…*

List the ideas concerning this problem in the article and add your own.

PERSONAL VALUES: GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Good citizenship sounds like a value from elementary school, but it’s more. Then, good citizens didn’t pass notes in class. They played fair at recess. They waited their turn, and didn’t pick on the younger kids. Some schools even gave awards for good citizenship, which really meant more than following the rules. It meant helping to make the school a better community.

For adults, good citizenship is still about contributing to the community, and it’s about giving back to the nation as well. It’s one of the ways that ordinary people can play a part in something larger than themselves. Good citizens grumble about jury duty, but they show up for it. They don’t park where they will block fire trucks or access for the disabled. They pay their taxes, though they grumble about that too. Yet, just like in elementary school, good citizenship is more than following the rules. Good citizenship is about actively promoting the welfare of the community, about helping society thrive. Good citizens vote, even when it’s inconvenient. They recognize their responsibility to add their voice when the nation makes choices. They may make contributions to a political group, even though it’s not tax-deductible, and they may even volunteer to get out the vote. Good citizens don’t just refrain from littering, they pick up refuse they see on a hike. They stay on trails, especially in heavily traveled areas, and if they can, they help on trail workdays. Perhaps they join a public interest group that protects public lands. They don’t just keep their yard in good a condition, they lend tools, or even help their neighborhoods with yard projects. They make sure their landscaping isn’t a problem to their neighbors, and they may even share seeds or cuttings that seem well adapted to the area. Good citizens volunteer in their children’ schools, as much as they can find the time for, knowing that the public schools today couldn’t make it without unpaid help. They support the teachers to their children, and they support schools when they vote, even if they don’t have children in public schools. Good citizens don’t just feed and clothe their children, they give them good values. According to their personal beliefs, they teach them right from wrong, and also teach them compassion. Good citizenship is a broad term that extends from selfless patriotism on the grand scale to friendly, low-key neighborliness on the local front. It acknowledges our debt to the community that enfolds us, and accepts our duty to try to contribute in return.