

## American Government In-Class Activity

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### Rights and Responsibilities of a Citizen of the USA and Turkey

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Directions: Read through the list of rights and responsibilities of the United States of America and the Republic of Turkey. In the space provided come up with a list of three similarities and/or differences.

#### Rights and Responsibilities of a citizen of the United States

Rights	Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Freedom to express yourself.</li><li>• Freedom to worship as you wish.</li><li>• Right to a prompt, fair trial by jury.</li><li>• Right to vote in elections for public officials. (18 years old)</li><li>• Right to apply for federal employment requiring U.S. citizenship.</li><li>• Right to run for elected office.</li><li>• Freedom to pursue "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support and defend the Constitution.</li><li>• Stay informed of the issues affecting your community.</li><li>• Participate in the democratic process.</li><li>• Respect and obey federal, state, and local laws.</li><li>• Respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others.</li><li>• Participate in your local community.</li><li>• Pay income and other taxes honestly, and on time, to federal, state, and local authorities.</li><li>• Serve on a jury when called upon.</li><li>• Defend the country if the need should arise.</li></ul>

#### Rights and Responsibilities of a citizen of the Republic of Turkey

Rights	Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Citizenship can only be revoked through the courts</li><li>• Right to vote (20 years old)</li><li>• Right to be elected for political office</li><li>• Right to engage in political activities</li><li>• Citizens have the right to join a political party (21 years old)</li><li>• Every Turk has the right to enter public service</li><li>• Right to petition the government</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political parties should not be set up with the goal of domination by one group or a dictator</li><li>• Serve in the armed forces if needed</li><li>• Every Turk has the obligation to pay taxes based on financial resources</li></ul>

Comparisons:

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