

The Bill of Responsibilities

On December 15, 1791, the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution were ratified. Known as the Bill of Rights, these ten amendments were written to preserve the rights of the individual. In any successful Democracy, citizens retain rights, but also have specific responsibilities in maintaining that Democracy. For example, within your school you have various rights and responsibilities. You have the right to be treated fairly by your teachers and the responsibility to do your homework. Imagine if all students refused to do their homework? It would negatively impact society as a whole as learning at school would not be reinforced at home. What if the Founding Fathers had drafted a Bill of Responsibilities alongside the Bill of Rights? Explain five responsibilities of the typical citizen that you think would be included in such a bill. Explain your reasoning.

Responsibility	Reasoning
EXAMPLE - All American citizens should be required to recycle plastic bottles and aluminum cans.	By recycling, Americans will better preserve our natural resources and materials that can be reused.
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