



November Character Education **CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION**

Citizenship means using your voice, choices, and service to make your school and community better.

TURN GRATITUDE INTO ACTION

SECONDARY CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

ONE YOUNG PERSON. ONE VOICE. ONE COMMUNITY CHANGED.

When young student Sarah noticed that civil rights leader Edwin Pratt deserved greater recognition, she spoke up and helped her community honor his legacy.

**SCAN TO WATCH
SHORT VIDEO FOR GRADES 6-12**

WATCH • THINK • ACT

- What did Sarah notice?
- How did her advocacy affect the community?
- What does justice look like where you live and learn?

Tap to watch



CITIZENSHIP IN 60 SECONDS

1. **NOTICE:** What could be better?
2. **APPRECIATE:** Who is helping?
3. **ACT:** Do one helpful thing.

Small actions count!

TRY THIS TODAY

- Thank someone by name.
- Include a student who is left out.
- Pick up or improve one shared space.
- Ask: "How can I help?"

Be the reason your community gets better.

YOUR CITIZENSHIP CHALLENGE NOTICE > SPEAK UP > TAKE ACTION

Identify one person, contribution, or an issue in your school or community that deserves attention. Choose one respectful, realistic action you can take this month.

ELEMENTARY + FAMILY

- **Gratitude Detective:**
Spot an often-noticed helper. Make a thank-you card naming exactly what they do.
- **Leave-It-Better 10:**
Spend 10 minutes improving one shared space at school, home, or in the office.
- **Citizenship Bingo:**
Complete 3 squares: help, include, thank, clean, share, or encourage.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Family Story Swap

Ask an adult about one time they helped their community. Draw or write the lesson learned.

THANKSGIVING CONNECTION

Complete as a family or class: "Because I'm grateful for _____, I will strengthen my community by _____."

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **60-Second Solution Pitch:**
Name one school issue and pitch one respectful, realistic fix.
- **Unsung Hero Spotlight:**
Interview someone who quietly helps others. Share 3 facts and one lesson.
- **Kindness Chain Reaction:**
Start one helpful act and track how many people pass it on.
- **Community Map Mission:**
Mark one place that needs care and plan one safe action students can take.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Family Thank You Trail

Take a 15-minute family walk. Notice a community helper, deliver a specific thank-you note together, and discuss how their work helps everyone.

Featured resource:

[Character Counts! Justice lesson.](#)

Activities should follow school, safety, and service-hour procedures.

HIGH SCHOOL: TAKE IT FURTHER

- **Micro-Civic Project:**
Collect 5 facts about a campus or community issue and submit a one-page solution.
- **Preserve a Local Voice:**
With consent, record a 5-minute oral history and create a short summary.
- **Election Literacy Lab:**
Use official sources to explain registration, sample ballots, and fact-checking—not candidates or parties.
- **Skill-for-Service:**
Teach a useful skill—study tips, tech help, or résumé basics—to a younger student or community group.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Family Give Back Swap

Ask a family member what neighbors need. Together, offer one free 20-minute favor—tech help, carrying groceries, or porch cleanup. Reflect on the difference you made.



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