

Handout B: Citizen Slips

Knows the names of elected representatives	Knows people depend on him or her to keep promises
Knows which government body makes laws	Follows through on commitments
Knows the main ideas of the Constitution	Believes compromise is valuable
Knows that liberty means responsibility	Believes all people deserve respect
Knows that people can take care of themselves	Believes people can organize to bring about results
Knows how a law is made	Believes voting is a responsibility
Knows the legal voting age	Believes people are generally trustworthy
Knows the responsibilities of elected officials	Believes that individuals can solve problems
Knows who the American Founders were	Respects the views of others
Knows contributions of American heroes	Obeys just laws
Knows major wars and battles in history	Gives to charity
Knows the Declaration of Independence	Listens to others
Knows problems facing the country today	Weighs pros and cons
Knows good things about America	Considers the impact of his or her actions on others
Knows that all people are equal	Believes our diverse society is united by common ideals
Knows freedom is protected in America	Works to change unjust laws

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Disagrees with others respectfully	Considers the sources of news reports
Stays informed about public affairs	Reads news articles on the Internet
Acts considerately towards others	Keeps promises
Helps victims of injustice	Pays taxes
Persuades others using reasonable arguments	Serves on a jury
Speaks at community meetings	Demonstrates in support of positions
Serves as an elected official	Writes letters to the editor
Starts a business	Knows when government needs to be checked
Volunteers for charity	Expresses opinions on radio talk shows
Participates in neighborhood watches	Reports suspicions of crimes
Runs for political office	Serves in the military
Displays campaign buttons or signs	Shops at local businesses
Contributes to political campaigns	Invests in business
Communicates views to public officials	Pays bills on time
Participates in organized groups	Takes care of his or her home
Watches TV news programs	Provides for family
Reads the newspaper	Casts informed votes
Listens to news on the radio	