Citizenship Study Guide

Citizen: A person who is a member of community.
- A Good Citizen:
  Helps make decisions in their community by voting
  Respects the rights and property of others
  Shows self-discipline and self-reliance
  Practices honesty and trustworthiness
  Works to improve their school and community

Voting: A fair way to make a decision where each person gets one vote.
- Voters in Virginia elect state and local officials to make decisions in the government.

Diversity means Different
- The American community is made up of diverse people.
- Citizens have different:
  Ethnic Origins: where a family came from originally
  Customs & Traditions: the beliefs of people

4th of July/Independence Day: A holiday when Americans celebrate our country.
- Americans are united by common principles and traditions.
Ways to show **RESPECT**:
- Keeping your hands to yourself
- Treating all people the same
- Taking good care of other people’s things

Ways to show **SELF-RELIANCE**:
- Tying your own shoes
- Doing your homework
- Getting dressed by yourself

Ways to be **HONEST**:
- Looking at your paper only
- Telling the truth

Ways to show **Trustworthiness**:
- Turning in something you found that isn’t yours
- Keeping promises

**Civics**
2.10 The student will explain the responsibilities of a good citizen, with emphasis on:
   a. respecting and protecting the right and property of others;
   b. taking part in the voting process when making classroom decisions;
   c. describing actions that can improve the school and community;
   d. demonstrating self-discipline and self-reliance;
   e. practicing honesty and trustworthiness.

2.12 The student will understand that the people of Virginia:
   a. have state and local government officials who are elected by voters;
   b. have diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions, who make contributions to their communities, and who are united as Americans by common principles.