Principles of Good Character

Citizenship
Grades K-12

How to be a good citizen:
- Do your share to make your school, your community, and the world a better place.
- Take responsibility for what goes on around you.
- Participate in community service.
- Help take care of the environment.
- Be a good neighbor.
- Treat other people with respect and dignity.
- Follow the rules of your family, your school, and your society.

Think about what it means to be a good citizen.
1. What makes your neighborhood or community a nice place to live? What could you do to make your neighborhood or community a better place?
2. What do you think a good citizen is? In what ways are you a good citizen? What is a bad citizen?
3. Do you think good citizens have the power to make a difference in the world? Why or why not?
4. How can you be a better citizen?

Citizenship Activity:
Think of ways you can help your community. Talk to your family about how you can put your ideas to work. Some suggestions are to pick up litter, walk dogs at The Humane Society or visit with the elderly.

Jimmy Stewart Challenge:
Why do people remember Jimmy Stewart as an excellent citizen? Search in The Jimmy Stewart Museum for ways he helped his community and contributed his time and effort to those around him. List five reasons Jimmy Stewart was a good citizen.