

## **BLM 1 – Types of Citizens**

	<b>Personally Responsible Citizen</b>	<b>Participatory Citizen</b>	<b>Justice-Oriented Citizen</b>
<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acts responsibly in the community</li> <li>• Works and contributes back to larger community</li> <li>• Obeys laws</li> <li>• Recycles</li> <li>• Volunteers to lend a hand in times of crisis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active member of organizations and/or improvement efforts</li> <li>• Organizes community efforts to care for those in need, promote economic development, or clean up/protect environment</li> <li>• Knows how governing agencies work</li> <li>• Knows strategies for accomplishing collective tasks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critically assesses social, political, and economic structures to see beyond surface causes</li> <li>• Seeks out and addresses areas of injustice</li> <li>• Knows about democratic social movements and how to effect systemic change</li> </ul>
<b>Sample Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributes food to a food drive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helps to organize a food drive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explores why people are hungry and acts to solve root causes</li> </ul>
<b>Core Assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To solve social problems and improve society, citizens must have good character; they must be honest, responsible, and law-abiding members of the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To solve social problems and improve society, citizens must actively participate and take leadership positions within established systems and community structures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To solve social problems and improve society, citizens must question and change established systems and structures when these reproduce patterns of injustice over time</li> </ul>

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