

A Guide to Effective Citizenship through AmeriCorps

The list of questions on the next page is designed to be used—at your discretion—to support your data collection for your citizenship goals and objectives. These are not mandated or required and may be used as is, or as a springboard to create your own evaluation tool.

Overview

There are ten modules in the *Guide*. Each module teaches a core lesson enhancing members' knowledge, skills, and attitudes regarding citizenship.

The questions that follow were designed to *very simply* measure gains in each of these areas.

Instructions for use

Copy each set of questions and distribute at the conclusion of each session. Be sure to collect the questions and tabulate as needed.

Questions for Evaluation

Module Number	Knowledge Question	Skills Question	Attitudinal Question
One	Can you name three important citizenship skills? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Can you name two resources in the community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you feel you understand the essential elements of effective citizenship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Two	Can you name a pressing problem in the community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you discussed this problem with members of the community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you see value in getting input from the community on its problems? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Three	Do you understand random sampling? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Can you create an opinion poll? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you think it's important to find out which problems the community considers most serious? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Four	Can you name the six basic questions of a news story? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Can you find community issues in the local newspaper? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you think it's important to research problems? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Five	Can you analyze policy using a set of questions? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Can you evaluate a policy you learned as an AmeriCorps member? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you think it's important to analyze policies? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Six	Did you find that some rights encompassed others? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Were you able to come to a consensus on the five most important rights? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you feel you understand your basic rights as a citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Seven	Can you identify the different techniques of emotional appeals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Can you find a current example of an emotional appeal in the media? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you think it's important to make objective decisions? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Eight	Do you understand probable cause? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Were you able to express a reasonable position to the "court"? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you believe conflicts are an important part of the democratic process? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Nine	Can you articulate reasons why getting involved is an important part of citizenship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Will you encourage other people to get involved in the community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you feel that your role with AmeriCorps has improved the community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Ten	Can you express reasons why age, race, and gender may give people different perspectives on issues? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you appreciate the value of diversity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you think it's important to discuss controversial issues with people of different perspectives? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No