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The Justice System

CLB 8: Juries

Citizenship Responsibilities

In Canada, rights come with responsibilities. These include:

Obeying the law

One of Canada's founding principles is the rule of law. Individuals and governments are regulated by laws and not by arbitrary actions. No person or group is above the law.

Taking responsibility for oneself and one's family

Getting a job, taking care of one's family and working hard in keeping with one's abilities are important Canadian values. Work contributes to personal dignity and self-respect, and to Canada's prosperity.

Serving on a jury

When called to do so, you are legally required to serve. Serving on a jury is a privilege that makes the justice system work as it depends on impartial juries made up of citizens.

Voting in elections

The right to vote comes with a responsibility to vote in federal, provincial or territorial and local elections.

Helping others in the community

Millions of volunteers freely donate their time to help others without pay—helping people in need, assisting at your child's school, volunteering at a food bank or other charity, or encouraging newcomers to integrate. Volunteering is an excellent way to gain useful skills and develop friends and contacts.

Protecting and enjoying our heritage and environment

Every citizen has a role to play in avoiding waste and pollution while protecting Canada's natural, cultural and architectural heritage for future generations.

Review Question:

A jury in Canada is made of:

- friends and family of the accused
- lawyers and police officers
- impartial citizens
- witnesses of the crime