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**REVIEW OF CHAPTER 8: CITIZENS ROLES IN A DEMOCRACY**

A government is formed by the people and this particular reason is why the duties, obligations and responsibilities of citizens are very much required in a democratic state. Also in a sovereign state where power belongs to the people, the rights of the citizens cannot be over emphasized as they recognize that democracy requires an investment of time and hand work. For democracy to succeed, citizens must be active because they know that the failure or success of the government is their responsibility.

The following are the responsibilities of citizens in a democratic state:

1. It is expected of every citizen to sun political apathy and participate in election either by voting or being voted for if he/she has fulfilled the necessary requirements. Also, people who are unhappy with their leaders are free to organize and peacefully make the case for change at established times during election.
2. A citizen should be willing to pay taxes because in order to fund a democratic government.
3. Democracy cannot exist in a lawless society which is what makes it the duty of a citizen to obey laws and also already laid down rules and regulations. Apart from avoiding political anarchy by obeying the law, assisting law enforcement officers by providing any useful information is also a citizen’s responsibility as it helps to find law offenders and punish them.
4. As a citizen, public education of other citizens is also important in the democratic process because education is the foundation of democracy meant to educate individuals to be knowledgeable participants in the democratic process.
5. The co-operation and commitment of citizens in a democratic state is highly required because without these, democracy cannot exist in a sovereign state.
6. Citizens must make their contributions to the advancement of the nation. A typical example is when dealing with neighbors, having to defend someone in court, preventing war from emancipating in the society and all these things are achieved if a citizen is being honest, transparent, not being partial, hardworking e.t.c

It is important for citizens to be aware of their rights and responsibilities as without the awareness amongst the citizens, a government may turn into tyranny. Citizens should participate in every event involving democracy with willingness in order to ensure its survival in a state.