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**Review of chapter eight, in salient issues in government and Nigeria's politics.**

The term citizen has an inherently political meaning that implies a certain type of relationship between the people and government. As a person born in a place or a naturalized resident. An example of a citizen is a person born in the United States. ... A person owing loyalty to and entitled by birth or naturalization to the protection of a state or nation.

Citizenship is the status of a person recognized under the custom or law of a sovereign state or local jurisdiction. ... Recognition by a state as a citizen generally carries with it recognition of civil, political, and social rights which are not afforded to non-citizens. On the other hand the process of which a citizen may voluntarily change his or her

citizenship of a state to another state is known as naturalization.

Chapter 111, section 25: 1(a) of the constitution of the federal republic of Nigeria defines citizenship as:

- Every person born in Nigeria before the date of independence either of whose parents or any of whose grandparents, belongs to a community indigenous in Nigeria. Provided that a person shall not become a citizen of Nigeria by virtue of this section if neither of his parents nor any of his grandparents was born in Nigeria.

Citizenship can be perceived to be made up of, or to be divided into civil citizenship, political citizenship, and social citizenship.

Citizens rights are the ground work of the state since its exist to live and develop fully. In order in other to let the citizen have a share in the running of his or her government. According to Abraham Lincoln, he perceived

democracy as the government of for the people , by the people and for the people.

While the state provide the rights and liberties of the people, the citizens also have duties to the state. The citizens are therefore expected to perform the following duties

- Vote during election
- Pay his or her taxes
- Obey the laws of the state

Citizens play an important role in democracy. There would probably be no democracy without cooperation and commitment of the citizens.