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Sovereignty resides in and flows from people in a democracy.they have a collective right to choose their governmental systems as part of self-determination.theses precepts are embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in modern constitutions world over.

For democracy to deliver,citizens must become informed about issues that can change their lives.they must be free to come together to express their views and preferences and work to see that government responds to citizens views.

The term citizen has a political meaning that implies a certain relationship between the people and the government.Citizens have a set of rights and responsibilities,including their rights to participate in decisions that affects public wefare.A citizenship of a state can be acquired by birth or by naturalization.

CITIZENS RIGHTS

A right may be defined as apriviledge conferred by law upon a person or a group.Important civil rights accorded to Nigerian citizens are :

1. Right to life.
2. Right to education
3. Right to religion.
4. Right to freedom of speech.
5. Right to association.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENS

1. A citizen in a democracy should have the duty to vote.
2. He or she should be willing to pay taxes.
3. A good citizen must have a duty to obey the law.
4. A good citizen should support public education.