

CHV20 Unit 3: Global Citizenship

Activity 1: Introduction to Global Citizenship

Overview

This Activity is designed to give students an introduction to what it means to be a global citizen and live in a global village.

Lesson

Global Citizenship

People have different opinions about what it means to be a global citizen. For some, global citizenship means international trade and investment. For others, global citizenship means being responsible for our Earth, its resources, and our fellow citizens. They are concerned, for example, that technology and industry around the world threatens the environment of the Earth as a whole. Still others see global citizenship as the responsibility to ensure that all the peoples of the world can live in peace, enjoying an adequate quality of life.

Even though we are all part of the "**global village**", only some people believe in maintaining strong values that help sustain and contribute to a better world. It is important to have a global perspective and to inform yourself about global issues because we are part of an interconnected and interdependent community.

Global - looking at the entire world and everything that is in it.

Village - a small community that has shared values and a common vision.

Interconnected - Every action from every person affects the world. For example, our pollution in North America can have an effect on the Arctic or another part of the world. We are "connected" with each other.

Interdependent - We are "dependent" on each other. For example, we hope that other countries and continents control their pollution so that we can live in a stable environment.

Assignment

1. Complete the following chart that demonstrates what you think a global citizen needs to know, do, and think.

Knowledge and Understanding	Skills	Values and Attitudes
Ex. A global citizen must be aware of global geography.	Ex. A global citizen must be literate.	Ex. A global citizen must be a thoughtful person.