

# Constitution and Philanthropy Vocabulary

Define this philanthropy/democracy vocabulary from the Learning to Give website at:

<https://www.learningtogive.org/resources/glossary-philanthropic-terms>

Appreciation

Bill of Rights

Citizen

Civic Duty

Constitution

Democratic Values

Individualism

Pluralism

Public Good

Virtue

Questions for Reflection (write on another sheet or discuss):

1. What rights given to us in the Constitution or Bill of Rights do you appreciate most and why?
2. The word *citizen* comes from the Roman word *civitas*, which means you were an involved, concerned part of a larger group. How would you define what it means to be a citizen of this nation?
3. Even though you are young, what can you do for your *civic duty*?
4. The Constitution was written in 1787. Why was this such an important event in United States history?
5. What *democratic values* were set forth in the Constitution? Which ones do you feel are the most important to implement in your life?
6. The Constitution valued individualism. What individual rights do you have as an American citizen?
7. This nation is founded upon a notion of pluralism. What examples in United States History have we valued and honored pluralism? Violated?
8. The idea of the *public good* is based on including everyone and excluding no one. What specific examples from the Constitution ensure benefits for all?
9. How would you define what it means to be *virtuous*? What virtues were our founding fathers espousing in the Constitution? What virtues are most important to you?

