

## Class Debate on Good Citizenship

This activity accompanies chapter 3 from *The Heart of Happy Hollow* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 4969.

**Activity Title:** Class Debate on Good Citizenship

**Description:** The students, in small groups, will research and present an obligation of the citizens of the United States to the class.

**Subject:** Social Studies

**Skill:** Civics and Government

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will evaluate the obligations citizens have to obey laws, pay taxes, defend the nation, and serve on juries.

**Materials:**

- *The Heart of Happy Hollow, Three: The Mission of Mr. Scatters*, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- History book or internet access

**Procedures:**

Read the third chapter of *The Heart of Happy Hollow* or have the students read it on their own. Discuss with the students the story and what the citizens did to try and protect themselves from Mr. Scatters. Next, discuss with the students the obligations citizens have (obeying laws, paying taxes, defending the nation, and serving on juries).

Divide the class into four groups (obey laws, pay taxes, defend the nation, and serve on juries) and have them research why it is important that citizens follow these obligations. Have each group give a presentation, allowing other class members to question why their obligation is important (debate format).

