Responsible Citizens Build Strong Nations

A responsible citizen is the **backbone** of a strong nation. Responsibility is not just about following rules; it is about having **civic awareness** and caring about the well-being of others. When people ignore their duties, society begins to weaken.

For example, spreading rumors online can create a **storm** of confusion. The word *storm* does not mean real rain here. Instead, it suggests chaos and strong negative reactions. In contrast, citizens who show **integrity** and participate in community projects help build trust.

During times of crisis, responsible citizens demonstrate **resilience**, a technical term that means the ability to recover from difficulties. Their positive actions create a ripple effect, encouraging others to act wisely and responsibly.

Worksheet

Standard: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.9-10.4

Part A – Vocabulary in Context (Multiple Choice)

1. The word **backbone** in paragraph 1 suggests:
   A. A medical problem
   B. Physical strength only
   C. Main support or foundation
   D. Fear
2. The word **storm** in paragraph 2 is an example of:
   A. Technical language
   B. Figurative language
   C. Scientific term
   D. Literal description
3. What does **civic awareness** most nearly mean in the text?
   A. Knowing school rules
   B. Understanding responsibilities as a citizen
   C. Watching the news daily
   D. Paying taxes only
4. The word **resilience** refers to:
   A. Anger
   B. Wealth

C. Ability to recover from problems
D. Leadership skills
5. The phrase **ripple effect** suggests:
   A. Water pollution
   B. One action causing further results
   C. Noise in the community
   D. A small mistake

Part B – Short Response

1. How can young people demonstrate responsibility toward their country even if they are not old enough to vote? Provide two examples from your life or community.
2. Do you think social media helps or harms responsible citizenship? Explain your opinion using evidence from the text.

Challenge Question (Gifted & Talented)

If you were asked to design a national campaign to promote responsible citizenship among teenagers, what strategies would you use, and why would they be effective? Support your answer with reasoning and real-world connections.