

Subject: Civic Education

Class: Year 7

Topic: Meaning of Self - Reliance

Self-reliance means being less dependent on others by using available human and material resources to meet individual and material resources to meet individual and group needs. Citizens are thus encouraged to be more productive, disciplined, creative and inventive.

Topic: Attributes of Self- Reliance

1. Creating a new cultural and productive environment which will promote pride in productive work and self-discipline.
2. Generally awakening the rights of citizens and their obligations to the nation
3. Encouraging people to take a part actively and freely in discussion and decision affecting their welfare.
4. Promoting new sets of attitudes and culture for attainment of goals and objectives of individuals and of Nigeria state.
5. Acquiring new sets of universal values for global citizenship.

Topic: Benefits of Self - Reliance

1. Inculcating in all citizens the value and spirit of civic responsibility; commitment to social justice and economic self-reliance through mobilization and harnessing the people's energies and national resources into productive use.
2. To orientate Nigeria to shun waste and vanity and to be modest, productive and practical in their life styles.
3. Promoting self reliance and pride in the consumption of home made commodities.
4. Productive use of talents and skills through which individuals and groups raise fund for the benefit of themselves, family and community.
5. Awakening the consciousness of all categories of Nigeria to their rights and obligations as citizens of Nigeria.
6. Creating consciousness about political power and its use, and the proper role of government in serving the interest of Nigerians.
7. Developing in all Nigerians the virtues of patriotism and positive participation in national



affairs.

Topic: Dimensions of Self- Reliance

1. Educational dimensions: It calls for a system of education where it citizens acquire the right type of values and attitudes, practical skills and knowledge that would enable the nation attain self- development.
2. Health dimension: They aim at giving and producing of drugs locally through reputable manufacturers, at the grassroots level.
3. Economic dimension: The aim at increasing domestic production to meet present population growth, promotion of export of consumer goods and raw materials, braiding the gap between the rich and the poor,
4. Foreign policy dimension: The nations foreign policy should be based on the principles of sovereign equality of all states, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of every state.

Topic: Processing of identifying, nurturing and perfecting Talents and Skills

1. Everybody has a particular, special talent or skills like drawing,singing,making objecets
2. Such talents should be developed through formal and informal education.
3. Each talents or skill is advanced or perfected through constant practice, consistence, hardwork.

Topic: Consequences of undeveloped Talents and Skills

1. Waste: A talent that is undiscovered or unused is wasted.It would not be directed to productive use for the individual or community.
2. Misuse: A person with athletic talents which are not developed to productive usage would use it for evil purposes.
3. Property: When skills are developed and well us d, money is made and riches follow. Those who never develop their talents would remain poor, and a liability to their family or community.



4. Frustration: A person's talents and skills are what he/she is good at. They are what he is always happy and excited doing.
5. Lack of Development: Every society or nation is developed by the pulling together of the individuals and groups.

Topic: A Nation wealth for reliance.

Understanding that the wealth of a nation is in its natural and human resources

Natural resources: Are the ones found in our environment. Natural Resources are free gift or nature. Example: land, water, air, minerals, animal, coals, crude oil, forest etc.

Human Resources: This refers to human being that is people involved in the production of goods and rendering of services. A country greatest resource is human resources which also benefits the society.

Example: It is human resources that brings out crude oil from the ground and convert it to petroleum products such as fuel, kerosene, diesel for us to use.

Topic: Citizenship and Citizen.

The word Citizen is a legally recognized member of a particular community. Citizenship is the belonging to a community, country or state.

Types of Citizenship

There are two principal types of citizenship. They include;

1. Citizenship by birth.
2. Citizenship by Naturalization.

Citizenship by Birth: In Nigeria, a person is a citizen by birth if he /she is born in Nigeria by Nigerian parents or Nigeria citizens.

Citizenship by Naturalization: A non Nigerian may be registered as a Nigeria citizen only if he applies and is able to prove that he will live in Nigeria and then takes the oath of allegiance.



Process of becoming a citizen of a country.

1. He/She must be of full age. Unless a foreigner is eighteen (18) years or above.
2. He/She must be good character. Foreigners that are discovered to be criminals will not be allowed to naturalize.
3. He/She must be willing to live in Nigeria as a citizen. Wherever he travels to he must be willing to return.
4. The person must have made some very important contribution to the growth and progress of Nigeria.

