

### Citizen's Pledge

"I will give my **loyalty** to the United Kingdom and will respects its **rights and freedoms**. I will uphold its **democratic values**. I will **observe its laws** faithfully and fulfil my **duties and obligations** as a British citizen."

### About The Fundamental Values and Principles

- Foundation of our society
- Must be respected and promoted by all
- Reflected in our rights and responsibilities
- Based on history and tradition
- Protected by UK laws, customs and social expectations

### The 5 Fundamental Principles

1. Democracy
2. Rule of Law
3. Individual Liberty
4. Tolerance
5. Community Participation

### Democracy

- Rule by the people (majority rule)
- Elect representatives to govern
- Accountability
- Parliamentary system
- All citizens 18 and above can vote
- Electoral processes must be fair and impartial
- Industrial revolution (new social classes demanding involvement in politics)
- Wars (suffragettes)
- Magna Carta (1215) - no one is above the law
- Reform Act (1832) and Equal Franchise Act (1928) - gave more people the vote
- Representation of the People Act (1969) - everyone over 18 could vote

### Rule of Law

- Everyone subject to same laws
- Order, rights and justice
- Fair legal processes
- Impartial courts (separation of powers)
- Magna Carta (1215) - no one is above the law

### Individual Liberty

- Freedom to live as you wish, within the bounds of the law
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of belief/religion
- Freedom to marry who you want
- Right to privacy
- No unnecessary government interference

### Tolerance

- Multicultural society
- Respect = inclusion and social harmony
- No extremism, discrimination or intolerance

### Community Participation

- Social harmony
- Mutual respect/support
- Community events, voting, volunteering

### The Balance That Holds Everything Together

It's not always easy to find the balance between rights and responsibilities. Think about it as a scale that should always be balanced to maintain social harmony. If the scale tips to either side, people start to react negatively.



By **Picoquinha** (Picoquinha)

Not published yet.

Last updated 11th February, 2025.

Page 2 of 2.

Sponsored by **ApolloPad.com**

Everyone has a novel in them. Finish Yours!

<https://apollopad.com>

### Examples of Rights and Responsibilities

Rights	Responsibilities
- Freedom of religion and belief	- Respect and obey laws
- Right to a fair trial	- Respect others
- Free speech	- Take care of yourself
- Privacy	- Take care of your family
- Voting (citizens)	- Take care of where you live
- Running for office	- Do not engage with extremist ideologies
- Safety	



By **Picoquinha** (Picoquinha)

[cheatography.com/picoquinha/](https://cheatography.com/picoquinha/)

Not published yet.

Last updated 11th February, 2025.

Page 3 of 2.

Sponsored by **ApolloPad.com**

Everyone has a novel in them. Finish Yours!

<https://apollopad.com>