

## Service Explained

### Key Concepts

- **Service** is when someone gives their time, energy, or resources to help others or improve their community. Some acts of service are small. They might include holding the door for someone or checking in on a friend to brighten their day. Other acts of service take a larger level of commitment, like volunteering in your community or participating in a service project at school.
- **Individuals who serve** make it their career or personal passion to work to benefit others. Our military members serve the nation. Teachers serve students. Doctors serve patients. Local government officials serve their communities. People can also serve to benefit causes, like finding a cure for Alzheimer’s disease, limiting homelessness, or helping the environment.



### Reflection Activity

Identify three everyday issues or challenges your classmates might face as members of your school community. (Examples: peer pressure, finding a place to sit at lunch, passing a class). Then, come up with three examples of how you might be of service to your school community in lessening those challenges.

Challenge	Act of Service
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

The best acts of service are ones where nothing is expected in return. They are done solely to better communities or an individual’s situation. Share a time when you acted selflessly for others. What did you learn from the experience?

### Extension Activity

Play the iCivics game [Lawcraft](https://www.icivics.org/games/lawcraft) (https://www.icivics.org/games/lawcraft) to try your hand at crafting a national bill that your constituents will be proud of. Then talk with a friend about how a job in public service, like working in Congress, helps others.