

## **Essay 2**

A big part of our world has to do with civics, civility, and collaboration. These three topics are important in our everyday life, which starts with us as students in school and ends with our own jobs one day.

First, civics is the study of advantages and duties of citizens. An involved community member will often want to make positive changes where they live. The advantages of having more citizens involved lead to less crimes and more community activities. For example, when you donate blood, vote, attend city meetings, help with neighborhood clean-ups, and volunteer for different organizations in the community, you are doing something helpful that can benefit everyone. These are all good deeds you can do for the government or community.

Next, civility is hard to come by at times in politics, especially during a debate. It is necessary to be respectful, polite, and show consideration for others. There will be times when you disagree with someone, but the most important thing to keep in mind is that you disagree respectfully. You need to listen to one another instead of arguing and yelling about something because that isn't going to help solve the problem.

Finally, some people might not know that collaboration is an important part of life. Collaboration is all about working with others (because teamwork makes the dream work). An example of collaboration is getting together for a business meeting, talking about what has to be done or what materials might be needed. During a meeting you are working together to come up with solutions to solve problems. Collaboration is something you do to connect and experience new things with new people. It's the little things that make people realize things they might have never realized before. People can get outside and work on a group project.