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Civic Duty:

- Now that you are legally considered an adult, what part do you play in ensuring a just and fair democracy?
 - Voting!!!!!! (registering, locations)
 - Jury Duty (selections, responding, attending, pay)
 - Maintaining good records (criminal, banking, employer, etc.)
 - Military Service (selective service system, how to register, enlisting)
 - Taxes – the importance of paying them

Taxes:

- When are taxes due?
 - Annual deadline: April 15
- How to do your taxes? (refer to worksheet)
 - **Gather the paperwork.** Taxes are all about paperwork and proof. Make sure you have the forms and the documents needed to back up your filing.
 - All scholarships providers should send documentation for taxes at the beginning of the new year
 - Give an example of the paperwork you use (W-2, 1098, etc.)
 - **Choose the right tools.** The IRS has been encouraging e-filing, which can be faster and easier to verify. You just have to find the right program.
 - Give an example of the tools you've use.
 - **Get help.** Taking a mistaken deduction or failing to provide all necessary forms could lead to an audit. Those costs can build up. If you get stuck, get help.
 - Share the type of help you used (or wish you used) when first doing your taxes.