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Miss Donna Cadwallader
Thacker Junior High School
1557 Thacker Street
Des Plaines, Illinois


Dear Miss Cadwallader:

I was certainly glad to read your letter of October 31 and to know that you are interested in encouraging good citizenship in your community. Our country faces many problems today which can best be solved by people who take their responsibilities as citizens seriously.

No doubt the lives of every adult have been influenced by the experiences and associations in his youth. I believe that we are all products mostly of our environment and attitudes, but I truthfully cannot say that my life was influenced by any one specific thing. I think generally the fine examples set by my parents and my teachers made me realize the importance of good citizenship and my responsibilities to my community and country.

May I congratulate you and your teachers on pursuing what I think is a very worth-while project.

Sincerely yours,


H. W. Hoover, Jr.
President



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Mr. Joe Figard
Group 84, Thacker Junior High

Dear Mr. Figard:

In your letter of October 15 you ask me what I think was most important when I was young in helping me to become a good citizen.

That is not an easy question to answer briefly but if I were to state concisely what I thought were the two most important characteristics or qualifications to becoming successful they would be loyalty and determination.

Loyalty embodies a great deal; if one is loyal to his employer he works hard and tries to produce the same as if the business were his own; one cannot be loyal without being honest.

Determination to do the best that is within you is an important factor. I consider determination one of the most important factors to becoming a successful athlete and I believe it applies in other businesses too.

If a person is loyal and determined he will be limited in the success he makes only to the extent of his inherent and God-given abilities. That is my opinion.

Sincerely yours,


Warren C. Giles
President

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SHORT ANSWER EXERCISES

1. If you were requested to send a letter asking for insight on becoming a good citizen, whom would it be sent to and why?

2. Interview a family member, teacher, or friend, asking the question, "What was most important when you were younger in helping you become a good citizen?" Summarize or capture the response.

3. In your own words, what do you think makes a person a good citizen?

4. Of the sampling of the four letters, which one can you appreciate or relate to most closely and why?
