

# CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

In every civilization, the actions of its citizens are driven by its customs, beliefs, system of governance, and other factors. In democratic societies, for example, voting is an important way to make changes or maintain the status quo. When the unexpected happens and trouble arises, the actions taken by citizens can often change the course of history.

In great stories, trouble always arises. Nowhere is this more apparent than when teams of adventurers set off to roleplay across the realms of Dungeons & Dragons (D&D). It's always only a matter of time before disaster strikes and the team must analyze the situation, collaborate, and solve problems to save the day – something like what happens in the real world, when citizens work together to solve problems.

**PART 1:** Merge the real world with fantasy. Below are community scenarios inspired by D&D. Your mission is to choose a scenario and come up with real-world civic actions to address the problem. Begin by analyzing the situation and assessing what must happen to bring change. Then brainstorm what real-world actions you could take and how you would put your ideas into practice. Actions might include drafting legislation, peaceful protests, negotiations with leaders, letter-writing campaigns to raise awareness, organizing fundraisers or evacuations, and the like. After you choose your actions, create a plan to save your realm!

## SCENARIOS

1. The leadership passes new laws discriminating against dragons.
2. A monster has taken over the park at the center of the capital city.
3. Climate change is causing rivers to flood and threaten nearby towns.
4. A contagious virus is spreading through the land and is rendering people unable to perform magic.
5. A rare species that is a symbol of your realm is in danger of becoming extinct.

Scenario selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Now, brainstorm and develop a plan. Consider the following points:

- Analyze the scenario: What needs to change?
- What is your goal or desired outcome? Why?
- What action will you take, and what will you need to make it happen?

**PART 2:** Present your plan. This could be a bulleted list of action steps, a descriptive paragraph, or both.

