Transcript for *What Can a Citizen Do?* (Chronicle Books) Preview Video

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Hi everyone! It's Colleen from the KU Natural History Museum. And I want to remind you about tomorrow's Story Book Science, here on Facebook Live. Tomorrow, I am going to be reading the book *What Can a Citizen Do?* This book is written by Dave Eggers, and it's illustrated by Shawn Harris. And we'll be reading it with permission from Chronicle Books. So thank you to them for the permission to read this book.

Now, before we talk about the book, and specifically answer the question "What can a citizen do?" let's talk about what a citizen is! Who a citizen is!

Now when we use the word citizen, what we're talking about is a member of a community. A citizen is a member of a community. Now this is a very important word. So not only are we going to put the word on the board, we're also going to put the definition. So, let's read that together. A citizen is a member of a community.

Uh, being a citizen doesn't have to do anything with a privilege of where you were born or any sort of status that someone might have. A citizen is simply a member of a community.

Now communities, they can be all different sizes. You can have small communities like a family or a group of friends. So that's one type of community that you might have. And we're going to put that on the wall. Uh, you can also have a community that's large, like a city. And, of course, you can also have a really, really big community like a country!

So, a citizen, a member of a community, can be a member of a community that's small or large or really big. They can also be a member of a community that represents different things. So they could be a member of a small community, and they can be a member of a really big community. Alright?

Now a citizen, as we know, is a member of a community. So I'm a member of several communities. So I'm a citizen. You're a citizen. Your neighbors are citizens. My neighbors are citizens. Again, anyone that's a member of a community is a citizen!

Now, when we talk about citizens, what we want to talk about is what citizens can do, what actions they can take. And good citizens take actions that help support other members of their community.

So, for example, maybe you know an adult who is voting today or voted earlier. That's an action that a citizen can take. Now, not all citizens can vote. Sometimes you just have to be an adult. Sometimes citizens who are old enough to vote, who are adults, they can't vote. People keep them from doing that! And if you keep someone from voting, that's not really a good action, is it? That's not something that a good citizen would do.

Now, there are other things that citizens can do. For example, maybe if you go out into your community, maybe if you go to a place like the library, you wear a mask. So wearing a mask is an action that a good citizen

can take. And wearing a mask helps protect other people. It helps protect and support the community. So wearing a mask is an act that a good citizen can do because it's helpful supporting other people.

Another action that a good citizen can take is making sure that everyone in the community feels safe. So if you hear someone say something mean or rude, asking those people to stop, or standing up for people who may not be able to stand up for themselves. That can be scary to do, but that's a good action that a good citizen can take to support their community.

Now, we're go, we're going to read the book *What Can a Citizen Do?* tomorrow. And so what I want you to do is, I want you to think to yourself, what can a citizen do? What actions can a good citizen take? And I want you to remember that the actions that a good citizen takes, those actions help support other people. They help other people in their community. Alright?

So remember: the question I want you to think about for tomorrow's reading is, what can a citizen do?

Alright! So I will be here tomorrow on Facebook Live at 10am; and I hope that you join me, so that we can read the book *What Can a Citizen Do?* I'll see you then! Bye!