**Age of Responsibility- Key Concepts: The Three “R’s”**

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| **Rites** | Customary rituals, practices, or procedures. **Can be:** *formal or informal; personal, familial, cultural,**National, or international.*Sometimes accompany or include legal rights, but legality is not required.**“Rite of Passage” refers to a cultural milestone such as: graduating high school, that indicates maturity and passage into adulthood.**  | **Examples:** |
| **Rights** | That which is due to anyone through legal claims, privileges, freedoms, etc. *Many laws are based on moral or ethical principles, but being morally right does not guarantee legal protection.* **Local, State, National and International governments all have the power to confer or revoke an individual’s rights.**  | **Examples:** |
| **Responsibilities** | Obligations, accountabilities, awareness of the consequences for one’s actions. *The World English Dictionary also defines responsibility as “the ability or authority to act or decide on one’s own, without supervision.* **Responsibilities may be legal, personal, or both.**  | **Examples:** |
| **Putting all three concepts together:**  |