

**100** Questions

for the

**Naturalization Test**

Civics (History and Government)

\* If you are 65 years old or older and have been a legal permanent resident of the United States for 20 or more years, you may study just the questions that have been marked with an asterisk.

**AMERICAN GOVERNMENT**

**A: Principles of American Democracy**

1. What is the supreme law of the land?

* the Constitution

2. What does the Constitution do?

* sets up the government

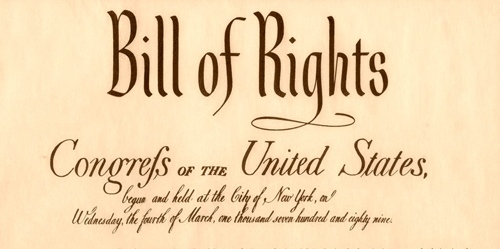
3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?

* We the People 

4. What is an amendment?

* a change (to the Constitution)

5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

* the Bill of Rights 

6. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?\*

* speech

7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?

* twenty-seven (27)

8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?

* declared our independence (from Great Britain)

9. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?

* life
* liberty

10. What is freedom of religion?

* You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.

11. What is the economic system in the United States?\*

* capitalist economy

12. What is the “rule of law”?

* Everyone must follow the law.

**B: System of Government**

13. Name one branch or part of the government.\*

President

(Executive)

* President
* (Congress)

the courts

(Judicial)

Congress

(Legislative)

14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

* checks and balances

15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?

* the President

16. Who makes federal laws?

* Congress

17. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?\*

* the Senate and House (of Representatives)

18. How many U.S. Senators are there?

* one hundred (100)

19. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?

* six (6)

20. Who is one of your state’s U.S. Senators now?\*

Tina Smith Amy Klobuchar

21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?

* four hundred thirty-five (435)

22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?

* two (2)

23. Name your U.S. Representative.

* + Betty McCollum Keith Ellison

(St. Paul D-5) (Minneapolis D-4)

24. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?

* all people of the state

25. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?

* (because) they have more people

26. We elect a President for how many years?

* four (4)

27. In what month do we vote for President?\*

* November

28. What is the name of the President of the United States now?\*

* (Donald) Trump



29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?

* (Mike) Pence



30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

* the Vice President

31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

* the Speaker of the House

32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?

* the President

33. Who signs bills to become laws?

* the President

34. Who vetoes bills?

* the President

35. What does the President’s Cabinet do?

* advises the President

36. What are two Cabinet-level positions?

* Secretary of Defense
* Secretary of State

37. What does the judicial branch do?

* explains laws

38. What is the highest court in the United States?

* the Supreme Court

39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court? nine (9) 

40. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?

* John Roberts 

41. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?

* to print money 

42. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?

* give a driver’s license 

43. Who is the Governor of your state now?

* Mark Dayton 

44. What is the capital of your state?\*

* St. Paul 

45. What are the two major political parties in the United States?\*

* Democratic and Republican

46. What is the political party of the President now?

* Republican

47. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?

* (Paul) Ryan 

**C: Rights and Responsibilities**

48. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.

* Citizens eighteen (18) and older (can vote)

49. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?\*

* vote in a federal election

50. Name one right only for United States citizens.

* vote in a federal election

51. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?

* freedom of speech
* freedom of religion

52. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?

* the United States
* the flag



53. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?

* obey the laws of the United States

54. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?\*

* eighteen (18) and older

55. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?

* vote
* run for office

56. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?\*

* April 15

57. When must all men register for the Selective Service?

* between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)

**AMERICAN HISTORY**

**A: Colonial Period and Independence**

58. What is one reason colonists came to America?

* (religious) freedom

59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

* American Indians

60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?

* people from Africa

61. Why did the colonists fight the British?

* because of high taxes

62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

* (Thomas) Jefferson 

63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

* July 4, 1776

64. There were 13 original states. Name three.

* New Hampshire
* New York
* New Jersey

65. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?

* The Constitution was written.

66. When was the Constitution written?

* 1787

67. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.

* (John) Jay

68. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?

* U.S. diplomat 

69. Who is the “Father of Our Country”?

* (George) Washington 

70. Who was the first President?\*

* (George) Washington

**B: 1800s**

71. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?

* Louisiana (Territory)

72. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.

* Civil War

73. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.

* Civil War

74. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.

* slavery

75. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?\*

* freed the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation) 

76. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

* freed the slaves

77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

* fought for women’s rights

**C: Recent American History**

78. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.\*

* World War I

79. Who was President during World War I?

* (Woodrow) Wilson 

80. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?

* (Franklin) Roosevelt 

81. Who did the United States fight in World War II?

* Japan, Germany, and Italy

82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?

* World War II 

83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?

* Communism

84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?

* civil rights (movement)

85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?\*

* fought for civil rights 

86. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States?

* Terrorists attacked the United States.

87. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.

* Hopi

Cherokee

Navajo

Sioux

Chippewa

Choctaw

Pueblo

Apache

Iroquois

Creek

Blackfeet

Seminole

Cheyenne

Arawak

Shawnee

Mohegan

Huron

Oneida

Lakota

Crow

Teton

Inuit

**INTEGRATED CIVICS**

**A: Geography**

88. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.

* Missouri (River)
* Mississippi (River)

89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?

* Pacific (Ocean)

90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?

* Atlantic (Ocean)

91. Name one U.S. territory.

* Puerto Rico
* Guam

92. Name one state that borders Canada.

* Minnesota 
* (Alaska)

93. Name one state that borders Mexico.

* California

94. What is the capital of the United States?\*

* Washington, D.C.

95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?\*

* New York (Harbor)





**B: Symbols**

96. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

* because there were 13 original colonies

97. Why does the flag have 50 stars?\*

* because there are 50 states



98. What is the name of the national anthem?

* The Star-Spangled Banner

**C: Holidays**

99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?\*

* July 4

100. Name two national U.S. holidays.

* New Year’s Day
* Thanksgiving

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