



# Citizenship Practice Test



This is a practice test to help you study for the Citizenship test. There are 100 questions to study, but you will only have to answer 10 of them. Answers are on the last page of the document.

\* If you are 65 years old or older and have been a lawful 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: Principles of Democracy

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
2. What does the Constitution do?
3. The idea of a self-government is in the first 3 words of the Constitution. What are those words?
4. What is an amendment?
5. What do we call the first 10 amendments to the Constitution?
6. What is **1** right or freedom from the First Amendment?\*
7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?

9. What are **2** rights in the Declaration of Independence?

10. What is freedom of religion?

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

12. What is the "rule of law"?

## American Government: Systems of Government

13. Name **1** branch or part of the government.\*

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

15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?

16. Who makes federal laws?

17. What are the **2** parts of the U.S. Congress?\*

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

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

20. Who is **1** of your state's U.S. Senators now?\*

21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
23. Name your U.S. Representative.
24. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?
25. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
26. We elect a President for how many years?
27. In what month do we vote for President?\*
28. What is the name of the President of the United States now?\*
29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?
30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes president?
32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
33. Who signs bills to become law?

34. Who vetoes bills?
35. What does the President's Cabinet do?
36. What are **2** Cabinet-level positions?
37. What does the Judicial Branch do?
38. What is the highest court in the United States?
39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
40. Who is the Chief of Justice of the United States now?
41. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is **1** power of the federal government?
42. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is **1** power of the states?
43. Who is the Governor of your state now?
44. What is the capital of your state?\*
45. What are the **2** major political parties in the United States?\*

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

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

## American Government: Rights & Responsibilities

48. There are 4 amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe **1** of them.

49. What is **1** responsibility that is only for United States citizens.\*

50. Name **1** right only for United States citizens.

51. What are **2** rights for everyone living in the United States?

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

53. What is **1** promise you make when you become a United States citizen?

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

55. What are **2** ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?

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

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

# American History: Colonial Period & Independence

58. What is **1** reason the colonists came to America?
59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
61. Why did the colonists fight the British?
62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
64. There were 13 original states. Name **3**.
65. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
66. When was the Constitution written?
67. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name **1** of the writers.
68. What is **1** thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
69. Who is the "Father of Our Country"?

70. Who was the first President?\*

## American History: The 1800s

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

72. Name **1** war fought by the United States in the 1800s.

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

74. Name **1** problem that led to the Civil War.

75. What was **1** important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?\*

76. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

## American History: Recent & Other Important Historical Info

78. Name **1** war fought by the United States in the 1900s.\*

79. Who was the President during World War I?

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

81. Who did the United States fight in World War II?
82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?
83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?
85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?\*
86. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States?
87. Name **1** American Indian tribe in the United States.

## Integrated Civics: Geography

88. Name **1** of the two longest rivers in the United States.
89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?
90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?
91. Name **1** U.S. territory.



92. Name **1** state that borders Canada.

93. Name **1** state that border Mexico.

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

95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?\*

## Integrated Civics: Symbols

96. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

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

98. What is the name of the national anthem?

## Integrated Civics: Holidays

99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?\*

100. Name **2** national U.S. holidays.

**\*Answers are provided on the next page.**



# Answer Key



All acceptable answers for each question are listed, though all may not be required.

1. the Constitution
2. sets up the government, defines the government, protects basic rights of Americans
3. "We the People"
4. a change or addition (to the Constitution)
5. the Bill of Rights
6. speech, religion, assembly, press, petition the government
7. twenty-seven (27)
8. announced our independence  
declared our independence  
said that the United States is free  
(all from Great Britain)
9. life, liberty, pursuit of happiness
10. you can practice any religion, or not practice any religion
11. capitalist market  
market economy
12. Everyone must follow the law.  
Leaders must obey the law.  
Government must obey the law.  
No one is above the law.
13. Congress, President, the courts,  
legislative, executive, judicial
14. checks and balances  
separation of power
15. the President
16. Congress, Senate and House,  
(U.S. or national) legislature
17. Senate & House of Representatives
18. one hundred (100)
19. six (6)
20. Answers will vary. (District of Columbia residents & those of U.S. territories should answer that D.C. (or home territory) has no U.S. Senators)

21. four hundred thirty-five (435)
22. two (2)
23. Answers will vary. (Residents of territories with nonvoting Delegates / Resident Commissioners may provide the name of that person who holds that title. Also acceptable is any statement that the territory has no (voting) Representatives in Congress)
24. all people of the state
25. because:
  - of the state's population
  - they have more people
  - some states have more people
26. four (4)
27. November
28. Answer will vary depending on the year. As of 2021, Joe Biden is the President.
29. Answer will vary depending on the year. As of 2021, Kamala Harris is the Vice President.
30. the Vice President
31. the Speaker of the House
32. the President
33. the President
34. the President
35. advises the President
36. -The Secretary of each department: Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, the Treasury, and Veterans Affairs  
-The Attorney General  
-The Vice President
37. reviews laws, explains laws, resolves disputes (disagreements), decides if a law goes against the Constitution
38. the Supreme Court
39. the number can vary depending on if a spot needs to be filled, but the typical number is 9, and there are 9 justices as of 2021
40. This answer will vary, but as of 2021 the Chief Justice is John Roberts

41. to print money, to declare war, to create an army, to make treaties
42. providing schooling & education, provide protection (police), provide safety (fire departments), give a driver's license, approve zoning and land use
43. Answers will vary. (District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. does not have a governor.)
44. Answers will vary. (District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. is not a state & does not have a capital. Residents of U.S. territories should name the capital of the territory.)
45. Democratic & Republican
46. Answer will vary. As of 2021, the the President is Democratic
47. Answer varies. As of 2021, Speaker of the House is Nancy Pelosi
48. Citizens 18 & older, you don't have to pay to vote, any citizen can vote, a male citizen of any race can vote
49. serve on a jury  
vote in a federal election
50. vote in a federal election, run for federal office
51. freedom of expression, speech, assembly, religion, freedom to petition the government, & the right to bear arms
52. the United States & the flag
53. give up loyalty to other countries, defend the Constitution & laws of the U.S., obey laws of the U.S., serve in the U.S. military (if needed), serve (do important work) the nation (if needed), be loyal to the U.S.
54. eighteen (18) and older
55. vote, join a political party, help with a campaign, join a civic group, join a community group, give an elected official your opinion on an issue, call Senators & Representatives, publicly support or oppose an issue/policy, run for office, write to a newspaper
56. April 15
57. at age 18, between age 18 & 26
58. freedom, political liberty, religious freedom, economic opportunity, escape persecution
59. American Indians, Native Americans
60. Africans, people from Africa

61. high taxes (taxation without representation, the British army stayed in their houses (boarding, quartering), they didn't have self-government
62. (Thomas) Jefferson
63. July 4, 1776
64. New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia
65. the Constitution was written, the Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution
66. 1787
67. (James) Madison, (Alexander) Hamilton, (John) Jay, Publius
68. U.S. Diplomat, oldest member of the Constitutional Convention, first Postmaster General of the U.S., author of "Poor Richard's Almanac," started the first free libraries
69. (George) Washington
70. (George) Washington
71. the Louisiana territory, Louisiana
72. War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War
73. Civil War, War between the States
74. slavery, economic reasons, states' rights
75. freed the slaves, (Emancipation Proclamation), saved (or preserved) the Union, led the U.S. during the Civil War
76. freed slaves, freed slaves in the Confederacy, freed slaves in Confederate states, freed slaves in most Southern states
77. fought for women's & civil rights
78. World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War
79. (Woodrow) Wilson
80. (Franklin) Roosevelt

81. Japan, Germany, and Italy
82. World War II
83. Communism
84. civil rights (movement)
85. fought for civil rights, worked for equality for all Americans
86. Terrorists attacked the U.S.
87. Cherokee, Navajo, Sioux, Chippewa, Choctaw, Pueblo, Apache, Iroquois, Creek, Blackfeet, Seminole, Cheyenne, Arawak, Shawnee, Mohegan, Huron, Oneida, Lakota, Crow, Teton, Hopi, Inuit
89. Missouri River  
Mississippi River
90. Atlantic Ocean
91. Puerto Rico  
U.S. Virgin Islands  
American Samoa  
Northern Mariana Islands  
Guam
92. Main, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Alaska
93. California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas
94. Washington, D.C.
95. New York (Harbor)  
Liberty Island  
(Also acceptable are New Jersey, near New York, on the Hudson River
96. there were 13 original colonies, the stripes represent the original colonies
97. there is one star for each state, each star represents a state, there are 50 states
98. The Star-Spangled Banner
99. July 4
100. New Year's Day  
Martin Luther Kind, Jr. Day  
Presidents' Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Columbus Day  
Veterans Day  
Thanksgiving  
Christmas