



## Naturalization Test: Civics (History and Government) Questions Excerpts

The civics (history and government) questions and answers for the naturalization test to become a U.S. citizen are listed below. The civics test is an oral test and the immigration officer will ask the applicant up to 10 of the 100 civics questions. An applicant must answer six out of 10 questions correctly to pass the civics portion of the naturalization test. These 35 questions are excerpted from the 100-question test.

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
2. What does the Constitution do?
3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
4. What do we call the first 10 amendments to the Constitution?
5. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
6. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
7. What is the "rule of law"?
8. Name one branch or part of the government.
9. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
10. What does the judicial branch do?
11. What is the highest court in the United States?
12. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
13. Who is the chief justice of the United States now?
14. Under the U.S. Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
15. Under the U.S. Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?
16. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
17. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
18. What are two Cabinet-level positions?
19. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
20. What is the political party of the President now?
21. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?
22. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
23. What is one responsibility that is only for U.S. citizens?
24. Name one right only for U.S. citizens.
25. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?
26. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
27. When must all men register for the Selective Service?
28. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
29. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
30. When was the Constitution written?
31. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
32. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?
33. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?
34. Why does the flag have 50 stars?
35. What is the name of the national anthem?