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# USCIS Civics Flash Cards

These Civics Flash Cards will help immigrants learn about U.S. history and government while preparing for the naturalization test. These flash cards can also be used in the classroom as an instructional tool for citizenship preparation.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** On the naturalization test, some answers may change because of elections or appointments. Applicants must be aware of the most current answers to these questions. Applicants must answer these questions with the name of the official who is serving at the time of his or her eligibility interview with USCIS. The USCIS Officer will not accept an incorrect answer.



## **USCIS Civics Flash Cards**

The 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers for the naturalization test are included in these flash cards. The civics test is an oral test and the USCIS Officer will ask the applicant up to 10 of the 100 civics questions. An applicant must answer 6 out of 10 questions correctly to pass the civics portion of the naturalization test.

Although USCIS is aware that there may be additional correct answers to the 100 civics questions, applicants are encouraged to respond to the civics questions using the answers provided on these flash cards.

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 (\*).

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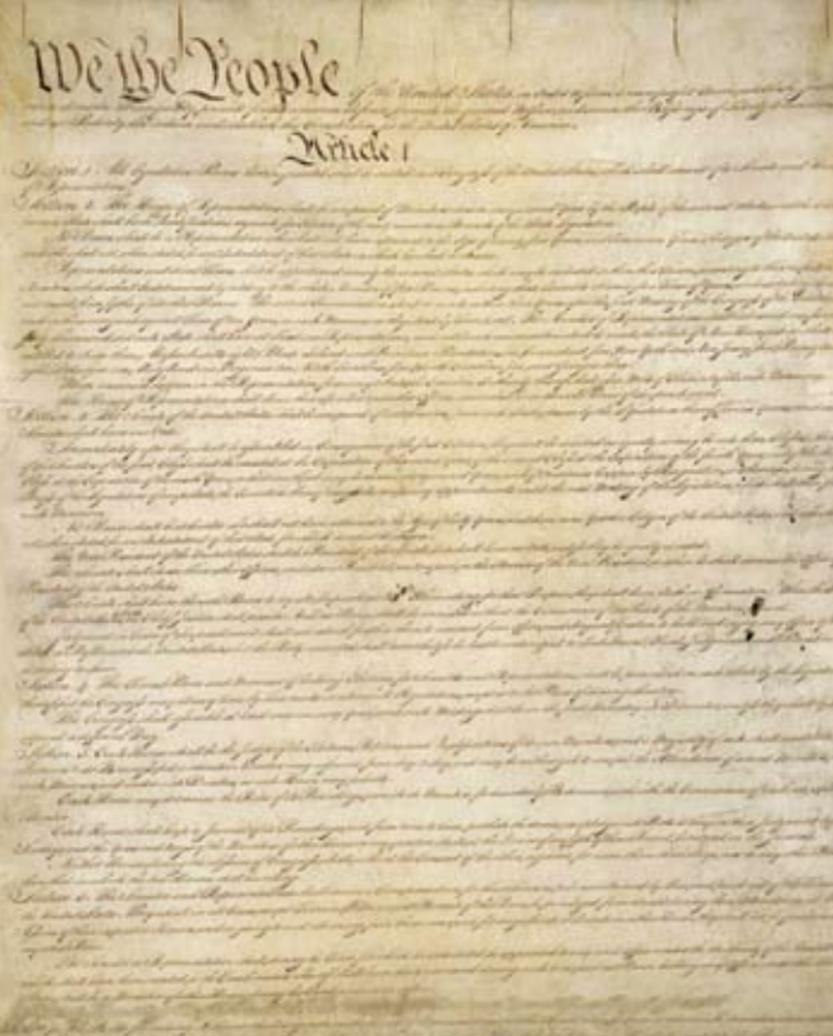


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**What is the supreme law of the land?**



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# the Constitution

**The Constitution of the United States.**  
Courtesy of the National Archives.

Question

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# What does the Constitution do?



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- ★ sets up the government
- ★ defines the government
- ★ protects basic rights of Americans

**The National Mall in Washington, D.C.,  
seen from the observation area of the  
Washington Monument, circa 1945.**

Courtesy of the Library of Congress,  
LC-USW31-058713-C.

Question

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



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A close-up photograph of the original handwritten text from the Preamble of the United States Constitution. The words "We the People" are written in a large, ornate, cursive script. Below them, smaller cursive text reads "insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defence, promote and our Posterity, We ordain and establish this Constitution for the U". The paper is aged and yellowed.

We the People of the United States, in Order to insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defence, promote and our Posterity, We ordain and establish this Constitution for the U

# We the People

**“We the People,” the first three words of the preamble to the Constitution of the United States.**

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**What is an amendment?**



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- ★ a change (to the Constitution)
- ★ an addition (to the Constitution)

The 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

## AMENDMENT 20

ratified January 23, 1933)

*Section 1.* The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, of years in which such terms of Senators and Representatives ended if this article had not been ratified, and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

*Section 2.* The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall

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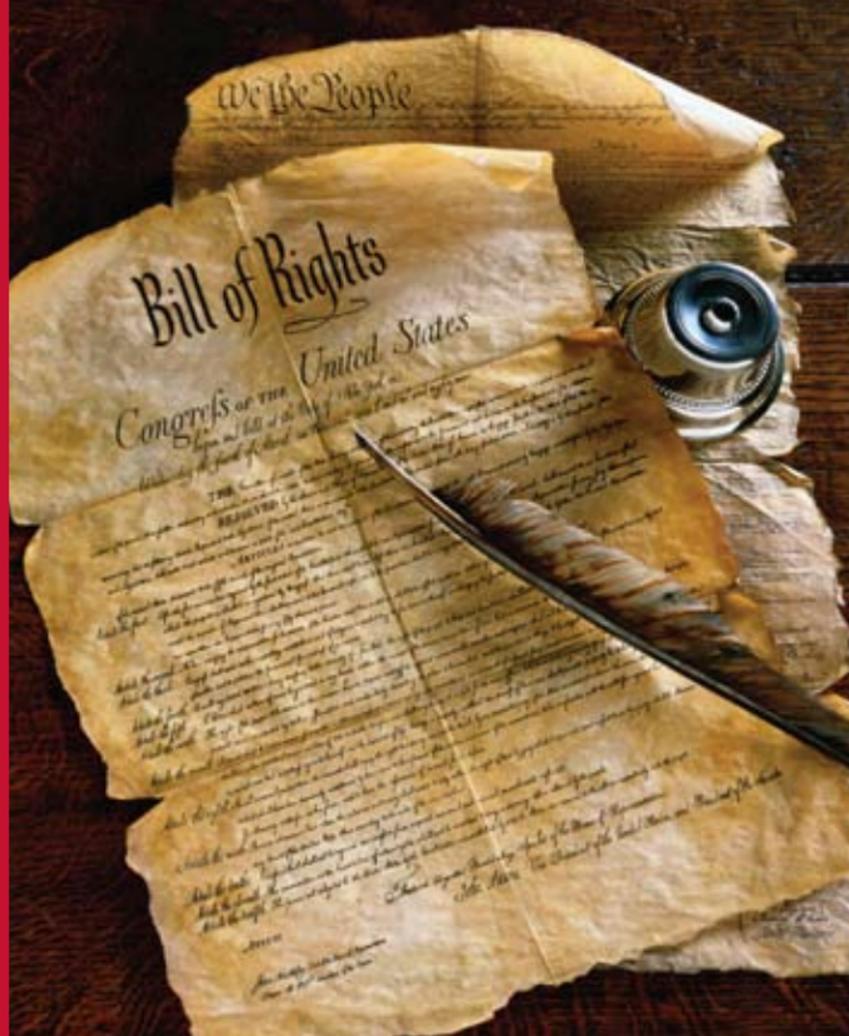
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**What do we call the first  
ten amendments to the  
Constitution?**



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# the Bill of Rights



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



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Question

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**How many amendments  
does the Constitution have?**



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# twenty-seven (27)

**Portrait of Elizabeth Cady Stanton,  
seated, and Susan B. Anthony,  
standing, advocates for the rights  
of women to vote.**

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Question

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**What did the  
Declaration of  
Independence do?**



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- ★ **announced our independence (from Great Britain)**
- ★ **declared our independence (from Great Britain)**
- ★ **said that the United States is free (from Great Britain)**

**Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson in “Writing the Declaration of Independence, 1776,” by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris.**

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Question

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What are two rights in the  
Declaration of Independence?



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- ★ **life**
- ★ **liberty**
- ★ **pursuit of happiness**

Question  
**10**



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**What is freedom of religion?**



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

**A synagogue on Yom  
Kippur, circa 1900.**

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Question

**11**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
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**What is the economic system  
in the United States?\***



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★ **capitalist  
economy**

★ **market economy**

Question  
**12**



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**What is the “rule of law”?**



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- ★ **Everyone must follow the law.**
- ★ **Leaders must obey the law.**
- ★ **Government must obey the law.**
- ★ **No one is above the law.**

**The Contemplation of Justice statue  
outside the U.S. Supreme Court building  
in Washington, D.C.**

Courtesy of the Collection of the Supreme Court of the  
United States.

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



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- ★ **Congress**
- ★ **legislative**
- ★ **President**
- ★ **executive**
- ★ **the courts**
- ★ **judicial**

The U.S. Capitol (legislative branch)  
and the U.S. Supreme Court (judicial  
branch) buildings in Washington, D.C.



Question

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What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?



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- ★ **checks and balances**
- ★ **separation of powers**

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**Who is in charge of the  
executive branch?**



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# the President

The White House in Washington, D.C.

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**Who makes federal laws?**



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- ★ **Congress**
- ★ **Senate and House  
(of Representatives)**
- ★ **(U.S. or national)  
legislature**

**The U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.**

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



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# the Senate and House (of Representatives)

**Aerial view of the west front of the  
U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.**

*Courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.*



Question  
**18**



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



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**one hundred (100)**

**The Senators of the 109th Congress.**  
Courtesy of the U.S. Senate Photo Studio.

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**19**



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



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**six (6)**

**Senate hearing on the confirmation of  
John G. Roberts, Jr. in 2005.**  
Courtesy of the U.S. Senate Historical Office.

Question  
**20**



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



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## Answers will vary.

**[District of Columbia residents and residents of U.S. territories should answer that D.C. (or the territory where the applicant lives) has no U.S. Senators.]**

**Hiram Revels of Mississippi became the first African American Senator in 1870.**

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Question

**21**



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**The House of Representatives  
has how many voting  
members?**



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**four hundred  
thirty-five (435)**

**President George W. Bush  
delivering the State of the Union  
Address before a joint session of  
Congress, January 23, 2007.**  
Courtesy of the U.S. House of Representatives,  
Office of Photography.

Question  
**22**



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



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**two (2)**

**Interior view of the Chamber of the  
U.S. House of Representatives, circa 1861.**

Courtesy of the U.S. House of Representatives,  
Office of Photography.

Question  
**23**



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**Name your  
U.S. Representative.**



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# Answers will vary.

**[Residents of territories with nonvoting Delegates or Resident Commissioners may provide the name of that Delegate or Commissioner. Also acceptable is any statement that the territory has no (voting) Representatives in Congress.]**

**Jeannette Rankin, the first woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.**

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Question  
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**Who does a U.S. Senator  
represent?**



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**all people of the state**

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**Why do some states have  
more Representatives than  
other states?**



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- ★ (because of) the state's population
- ★ (because) they have more people
- ★ (because) some states have more people

The Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.  
Courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.



Question  
**26**



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**We elect a President for how many years?**



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**four (4)**

**The inauguration of President Theodore Roosevelt on March 4, 1905.**

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Question  
**27**



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



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**November**

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



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★ **Barack Obama**

★ **Obama**

**Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States by Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Jr. in Washington, D.C., January 20, 2009.**

U.S. Department of Defense photo by

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo.

Question  
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**What is the name of the  
Vice President of the United  
States now?**



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★ **Joseph R. Biden, Jr.**

★ **Joe Biden**

★ **Biden**

**Joe Biden is sworn in as the 47th  
vice president of the United States  
in Washington, D.C., January 20, 2009.**

U.S. Department of Defense photo by

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo.

Question  
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**If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?**



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# the Vice President

**Swearing in of Vice President  
Lyndon B. Johnson as president  
aboard Air Force One following the  
death of President John F. Kennedy on  
November 22, 1963.**

Courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library  
and Museum, photo by Cecil Stoughton.



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



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## the Speaker of the House

**The Rostrum, a place for public speaking, is the location from which the Speaker of the House presides.**

Courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.

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**32**



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**Who is the Commander in  
Chief of the military?**



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# the President

**President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
reviewing American troops  
in Casablanca, Morocco during  
World War II.**

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Question  
**33**

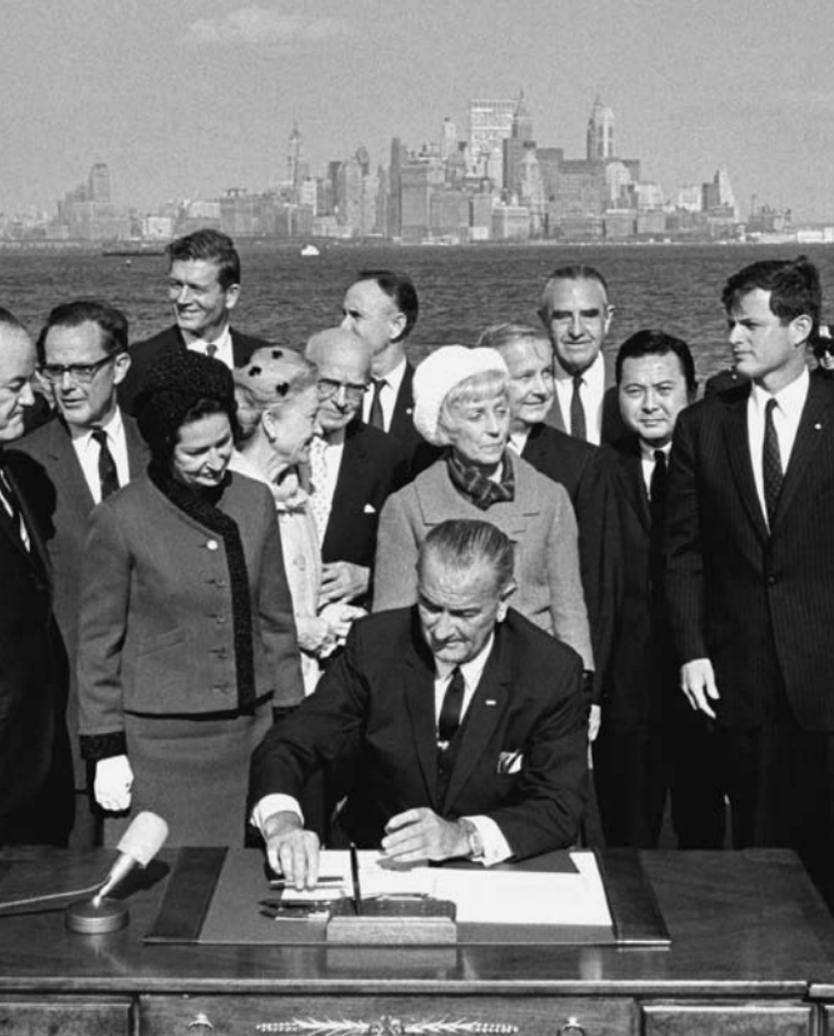


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**Who signs bills to become laws?**



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## the President

**President Lyndon B. Johnson signing  
the Immigration Act of 1965 on  
October 3rd of that same year,  
Liberty Island, NY.**

Courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library  
and Museum.

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**Who vetoes bills?**



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# the President

The White House in Washington, D.C.

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**What does the President's  
Cabinet do?**



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# advises the President

**President Ronald Reagan  
leads a Cabinet meeting  
at the White House  
in September 1986.**

Courtesy of the Ronald Reagan  
Presidential Library, C36864-19.

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What are two Cabinet-level positions?



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★ **Secretary of Agriculture**

★ **Secretary of Commerce**

★ **Secretary of Defense**

★ **Secretary of Education**

★ **Secretary of Energy**

★ **Secretary of Health and  
Human Services**

★ **Secretary of Homeland  
Security**

★ **Secretary of Housing and  
Urban Development**

★ **Secretary of the Interior**

★ **Secretary of Labor**

★ **Secretary of State**

★ **Secretary of Transportation**

★ **Secretary of the Treasury**

★ **Secretary of Veterans  
Affairs**

★ **Attorney General**

★ **Vice President**

Question  
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**What does the judicial  
branch do?**



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- ★ reviews laws
- ★ explains laws
- ★ resolves disputes  
(disagreements)
- ★ decides if a law goes  
against the Constitution

**The Courtroom of the U.S. Supreme Court building, where the Court has sat since 1935.**

Courtesy of the Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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**What is the highest court in  
the United States?**



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# the Supreme Court

**West facade of the U.S. Supreme  
Court building in Washington, D.C.**  
Courtesy of the Collection of the Supreme Court  
of the United States.

Question  
**39**



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**How many justices are on the  
Supreme Court?**



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**nine (9)**

**There are nine justices on the Supreme Court: eight associate justices and one chief justice.**

**Courtesy of the Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.**

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**Who is the Chief Justice of  
the United States now?**



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**John Roberts  
(John G.  
Roberts, Jr.)**

**Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.**  
Courtesy of the Collection of the Supreme Court  
of the United States.



Question

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

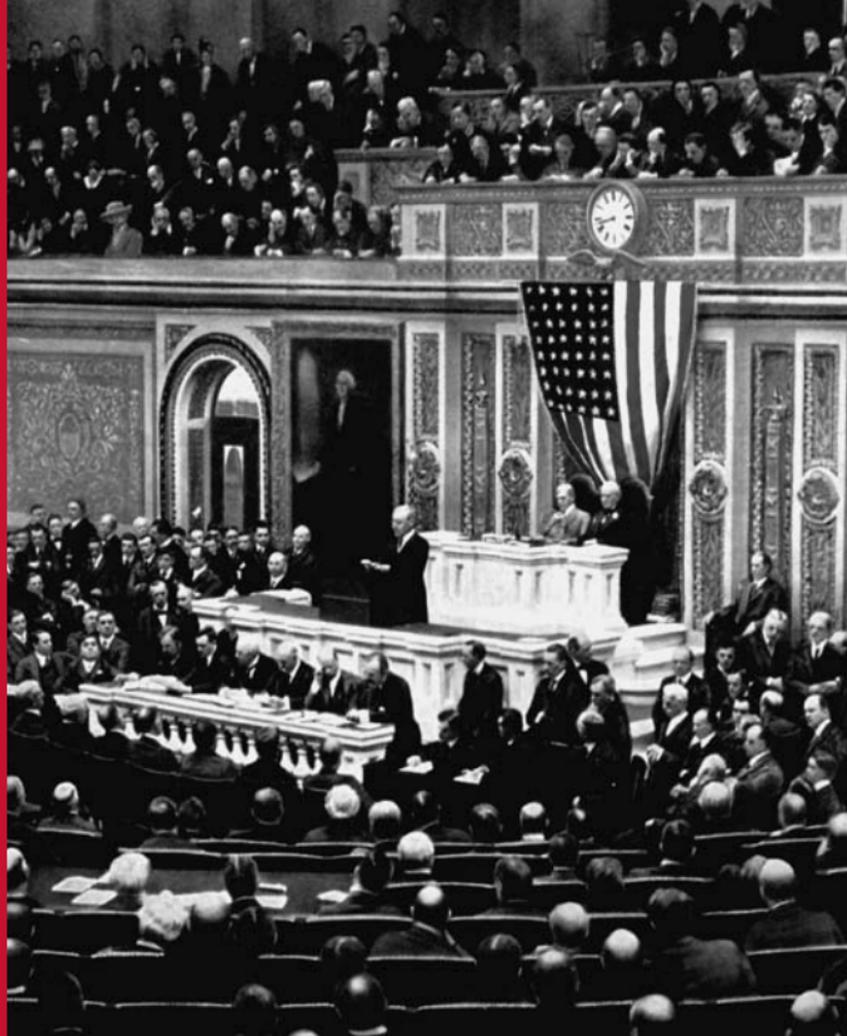


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- ★ to print money
- ★ to declare war
- ★ to create an army
- ★ to make treaties

**President Woodrow Wilson asking  
Congress to declare war on Germany,  
April 2, 1917.**

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZC4-10297.



Question  
**42**



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



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- ★ **provide schooling and education**
- ★ **provide protection (police)**
- ★ **provide safety (fire departments)**
- ★ **give a driver's license**
- ★ **approve zoning and land use**



Question

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**Who is the Governor of your  
state now?**



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**Answers will vary.**

**[District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. does not have a Governor.]**

Question  
**44**



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



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**Answers will vary.**

**[District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. is not a state and does not have a capital. Residents of U.S. territories should name the capital of the territory.]**

Question

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



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## Democratic and Republican

Democratic (donkey) and Republican  
(elephant) Party icons from a 1962  
political cartoon urging citizens to vote.

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Question

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**What is the political party of  
the President now?**



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# Democratic (Party)

**Attendees at the 1916 Democratic  
National Convention in St. Louis, MO.**

Courtesy of the Library of Congress,  
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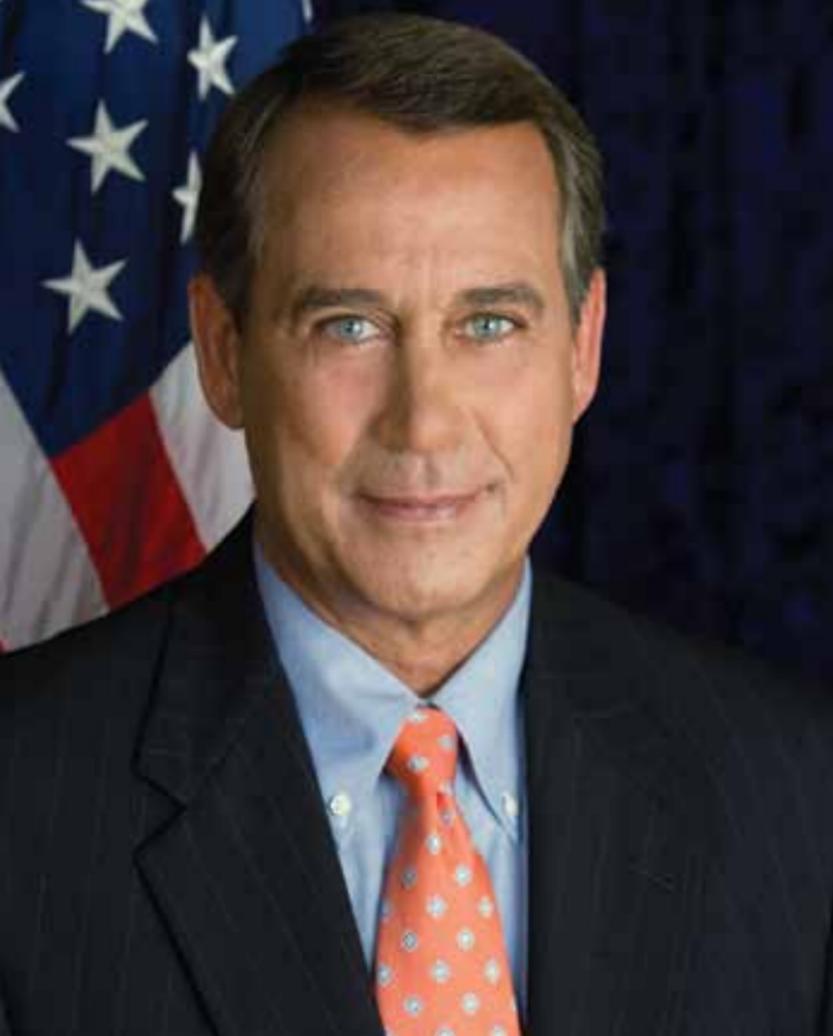


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**What is the name of the  
Speaker of the House of  
Representatives now?**



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# **(John) Boehner**

**John Boehner, Speaker of the  
U.S. House of Representatives.**

Courtesy of the Office of U.S. Representative John Boehner.

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



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- ★ **Citizens eighteen (18) and older (can vote).**
- ★ **You don't have to pay (a poll tax) to vote.**
- ★ **Any citizen can vote. (Women and men can vote.)**
- ★ **A male citizen of any race (can vote).**

**A young woman casting her ballot in the 1964 presidential election.**

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Question  
**49**



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



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★ **serve on a jury**

★ **vote in a federal election**

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**50**



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Name one right only for  
**United States citizens.**



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- ★ **vote in a federal election**
- ★ **run for federal office**

**Congressman George W. Johnson of West Virginia with a Boy Scout band from his state, June 4, 1924.**

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Question  
**51**



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



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- ★ **freedom of expression**
- ★ **freedom of speech**
- ★ **freedom of assembly**
- ★ **freedom to petition the government**
- ★ **freedom of worship**
- ★ **the right to bear arms**

**Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy speaking at a racial equality demonstration outside the Justice Department on June 14, 1963.**

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Question  
**52**



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



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- ★ **the United States**
- ★ **the flag**

**A young boy pledging allegiance at a  
naturalization ceremony in 1962.**

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Question  
**53**



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



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- ★ **give up loyalty to other countries**
- ★ **defend the Constitution and laws of the United States**
- ★ **obey the laws of the United States**
- ★ **serve in the U.S. military (if needed)**
- ★ **serve (do important work for) the nation (if needed)**
- ★ **be loyal to the United States**

Question  
**54**



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



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**eighteen (18)  
and older**



Question  
**55**



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



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- ★ **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 and Representatives**
- ★ **publicly support or oppose an issue or policy**
- ★ **run for office**
- ★ **write to a newspaper**

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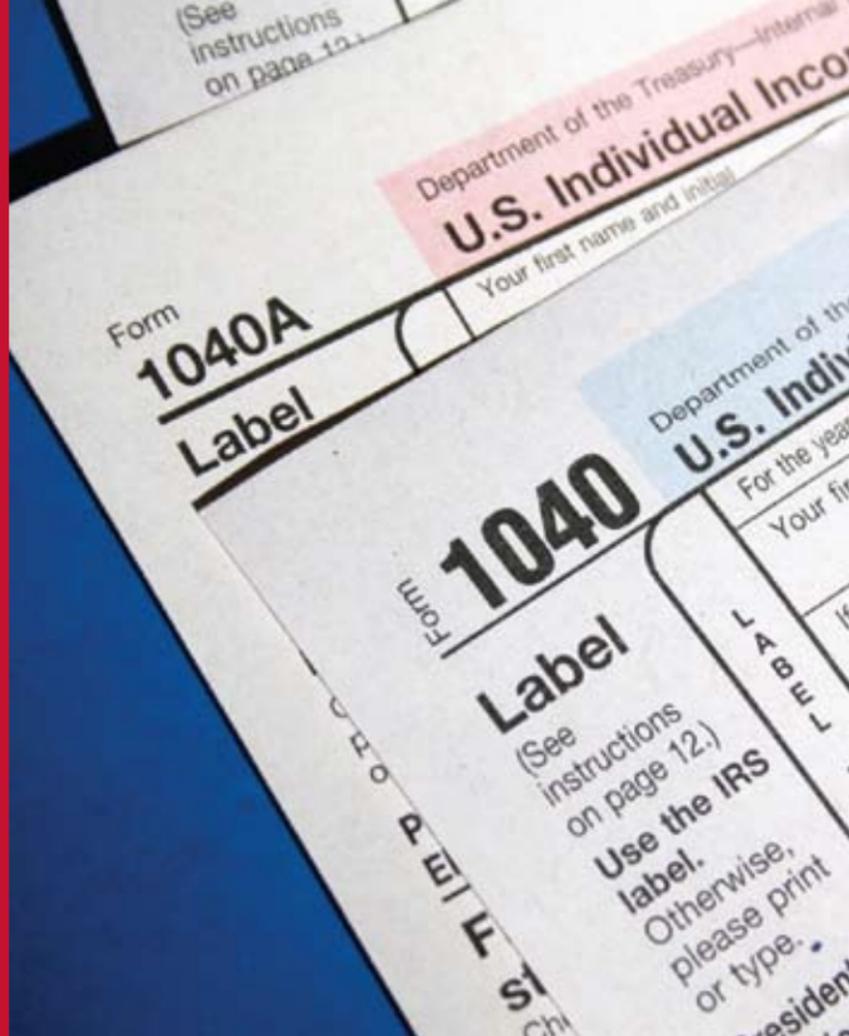
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**When is the last day you  
can send in federal income  
tax forms?\***



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**April 15**



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**When must all men register  
for the Selective Service?**



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Form 1 **744** **REGISTRATION CARD** No. *26*

1 Name in full *Irving Berlin* Age in yrs. *29*  
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address *35 West 70th St N.Y.C.*  
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth *May 11, 1888*  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you: (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? *declarant*

5 Where were you born? *Mogilev Russia*  
(Place) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? *Russian*

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *Composer Music*

8 By whom employed? *employed by self*  
 Where employed? *Strand Theatre Bld*

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 15, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? *Mother*

10 Married or single (which)? *Single* Race (specify which)? *Russian*

11 What military service have you had? Rank \_\_\_\_\_ branch \_\_\_\_\_  
 years \_\_\_\_\_ Nation or state \_\_\_\_\_

12 Do you claim exemption (from draft (specify grounds)? *No*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

*Irving Berlin*  
(Signature or mark)

If person is not the one named above, return to the nearest office.

- ★ at age eighteen (18)
- ★ between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)

World War I draft registration card of Irving Berlin, an American composer who became a naturalized citizen in 1918.

Courtesy of the National Archives.

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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

What is one reason colonists came to America?

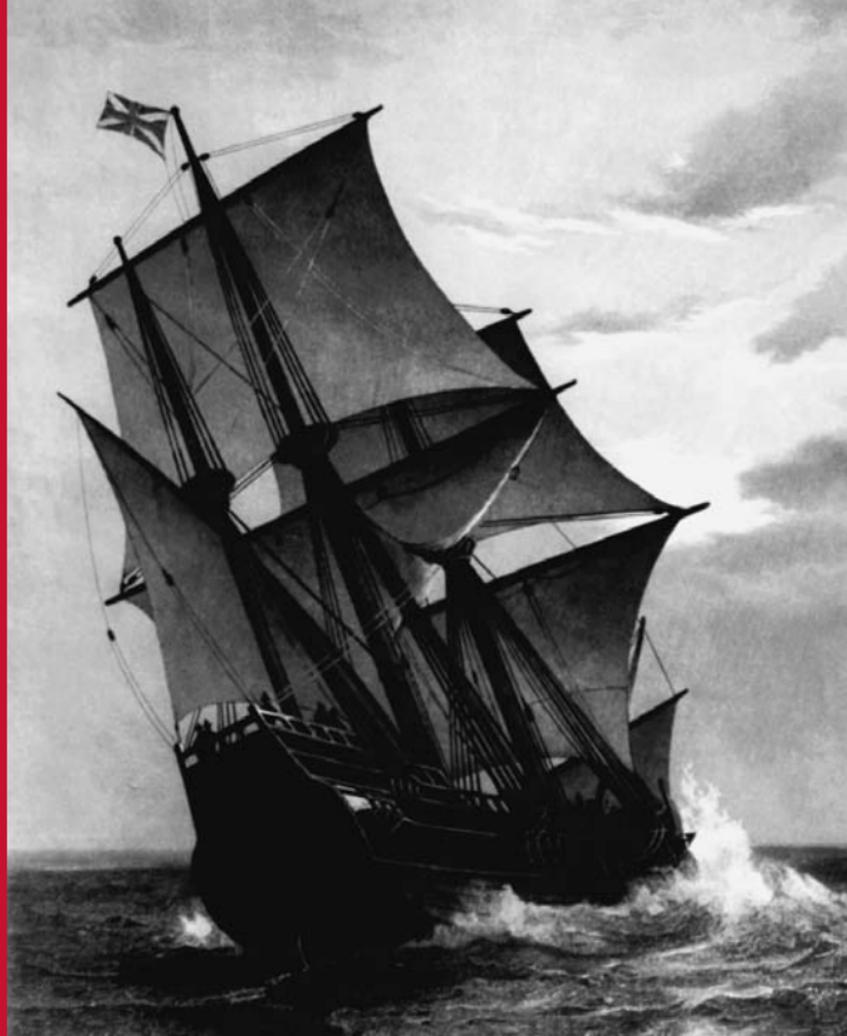


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- ★ **freedom**
- ★ **political liberty**
- ★ **religious freedom**
- ★ **economic opportunity**
- ★ **practice their religion**
- ★ **escape persecution**

**“Mayflower Approaching Land,” an engraving of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to Plymouth, MA in 1620.**

**Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-3046.**



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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

**Who lived in America before  
the Europeans arrived?**

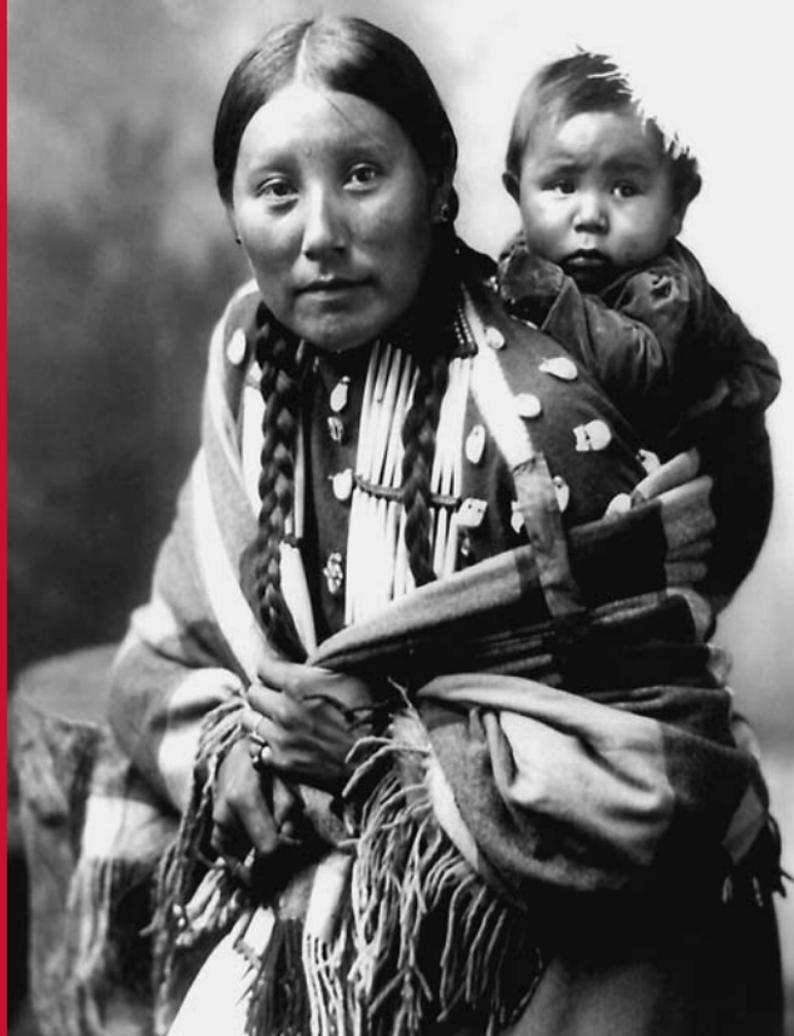


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- ★ **American Indians**
- ★ **Native Americans**

**American Indian woman  
and her baby in 1899.**

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-94927.



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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★ **Africans**

★ **people from Africa**

**Slaves on a Southern plantation in  
May 1862.**

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Question  
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for the Naturalization Test

**Why did the colonists fight  
the British?**



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- ★ because of high taxes (taxation without representation)
- ★ because the British army stayed in their houses (boarding, quartering)

- ★ because they didn't have self-government

Molly Pitcher firing a cannon at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778 during the American Revolutionary War by Percy Moran.

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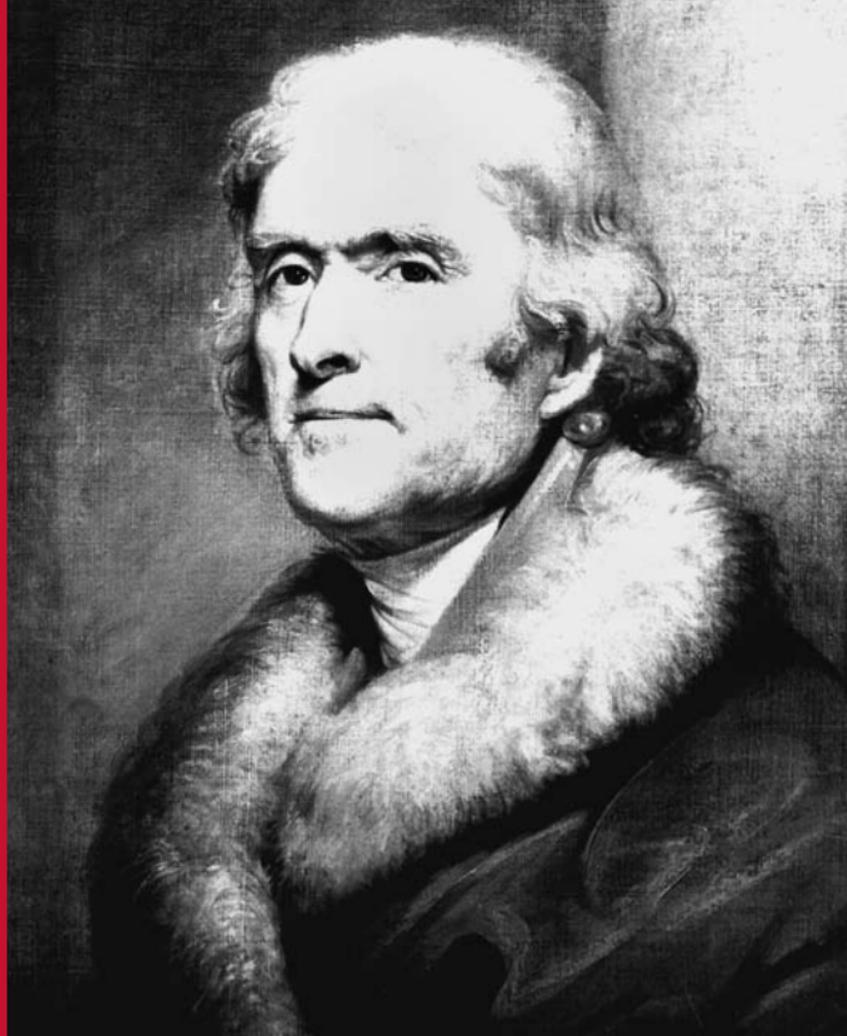
# Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?



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# **(Thomas) Jefferson**

**Thomas Jefferson. Copy of  
painting by Rembrandt Peale.  
Courtesy of the National Archives,  
NARA File # 208-PU-104HH-4.**



Question  
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for the Naturalization Test

**When was the Declaration of  
Independence adopted?**



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**July 4, 1776**

In "Declaration of Independence," a painting by John Trumbull, Thomas Jefferson and his committee present the formal statement of independence from Great Britain.

Courtesy of the National Archives, NARA File # 148-GW-662.

Question  
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**There were 13 original states.  
Name three.**



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- ★ **New Hampshire**
- ★ **Massachusetts**
- ★ **Rhode Island**
- ★ **Connecticut**
- ★ **New York**
- ★ **New Jersey**
- ★ **Pennsylvania**
- ★ **Delaware**
- ★ **Maryland**
- ★ **Virginia**
- ★ **North Carolina**
- ★ **South Carolina**
- ★ **Georgia**

Question  
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# What happened at the Constitutional Convention?



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★ **The Constitution  
was written.**

★ **The Founding  
Fathers wrote the  
Constitution.**

**“Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States,”  
by Howard Chandler Christy. Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USA7-34630.**

Question  
**66**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
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**When was the Constitution  
written?**



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**1787**

**Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA,  
where the Constitution was signed in 1787.**

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**67**

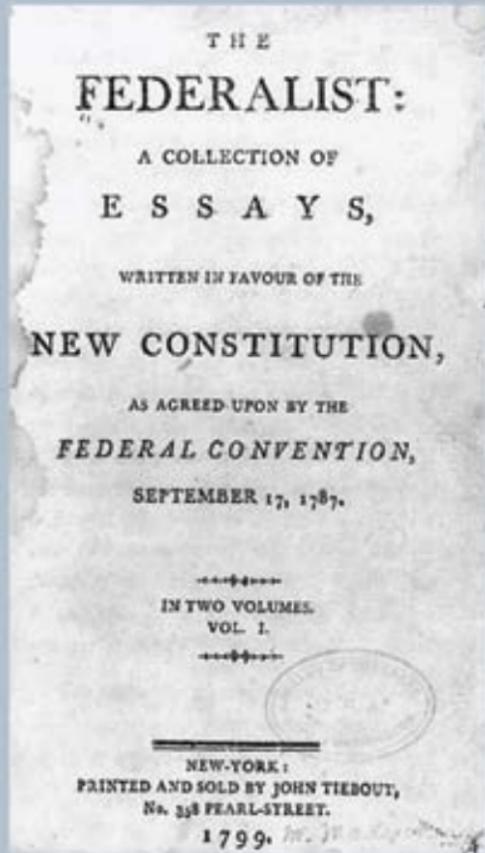


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**The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.**



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- ★ (James) Madison
- ★ (Alexander) Hamilton
- ★ (John) Jay
- ★ Publius

Title page of The Federalist,  
vol. 1, 1799.

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-70508.

Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
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What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?



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- ★ U.S. diplomat
- ★ oldest member of the Constitutional Convention
- ★ first Postmaster General of the United States

- ★ writer of “Poor Richard’s Almanac”
- ★ started the first free libraries

“Franklin’s Return to Philadelphia, 1785,”  
by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris.

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZC4-9906.

Question  
**69**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
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**Who is the “Father of Our Country”?**



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# (George) Washington

**“George Washington at Princeton,”  
by Charles Willson Peale.**

Courtesy of the U.S. Senate, Catalog # 31.00002.000.



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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

**Who was the first  
President?\***



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# (George) Washington

**“Washington Crossing the Delaware,”  
by Emanuel Leutze.**

Courtesy of the National Archives,  
NARA File # 066-G-15D-25.



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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- ★ the Louisiana Territory
- ★ Louisiana

Map of the Louisiana Purchase Territory.  
Courtesy of the National Archives.



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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- ★ **War of 1812**
- ★ **Mexican-American War**
- ★ **Civil War**
- ★ **Spanish-American War**

**“Battle of Lake Erie,” by Percy Moran, depicts a battle from the War of 1812. Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZC4-6893.**

Question  
**73**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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★ **the Civil War**

★ **the War between  
the States**

**Civil War soldiers with cannon and caisson,  
Fort C.F. Smith, Co. L, 2d New York Artillery.**

*Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-115177.*

Question  
**74**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

Name one problem that led to  
the Civil War.

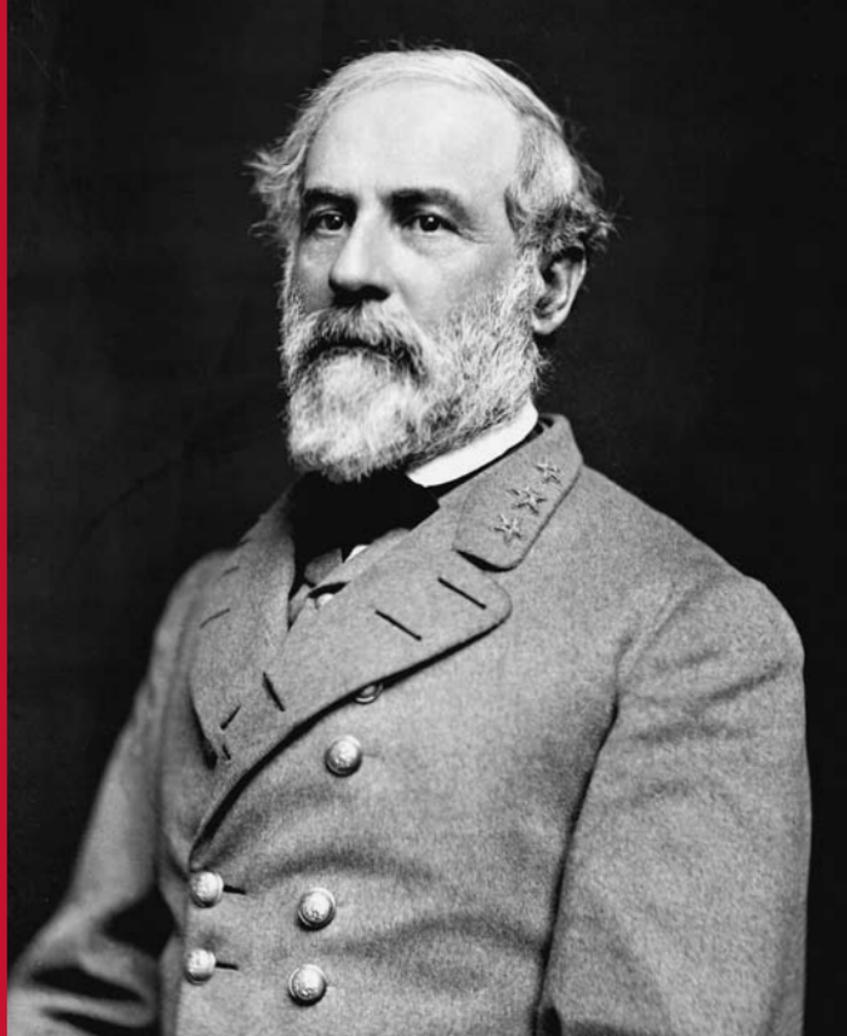


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- ★ **slavery**
- ★ **economic reasons**
- ★ **states' rights**

**Civil War Confederate  
General Robert E. Lee.**

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-B8172-0001.



Question  
**75**

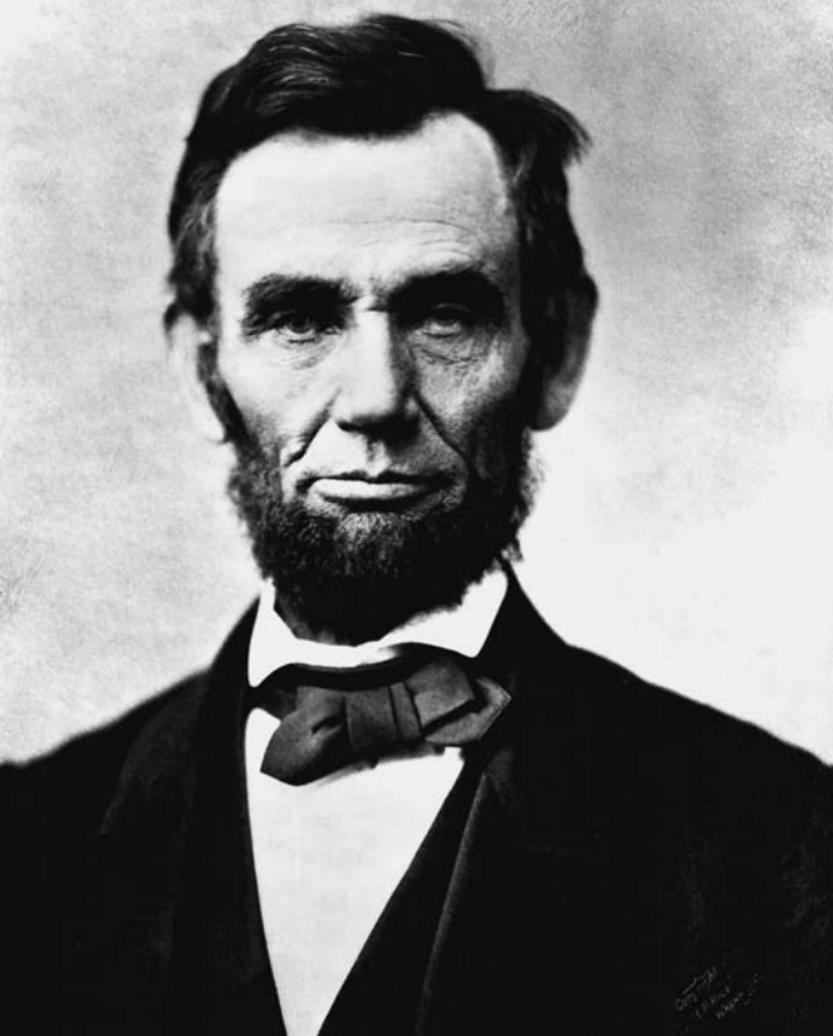


**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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- ★ **freed the slaves  
(Emancipation  
Proclamation)**
- ★ **saved (or preserved)  
the Union**
- ★ **led the United  
States during the  
Civil War**

**Abraham Lincoln.**

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-13016.

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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

# What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?



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- ★ freed the slaves
- ★ freed slaves in the Confederacy
- ★ freed slaves in the Confederate states

- ★ freed slaves in most Southern states

“The First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation Before the Cabinet,” painted by Francis Bicknell Carpenter and engraved by A.H. Ritchie.

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-DIG-pga-02502.

Question  
**77**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

**What did Susan B. Anthony  
do?**



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- ★ fought for women's rights
- ★ fought for civil rights

**Susan B. Anthony.**

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-DIG-ggbain-30125.



Question  
**78**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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- ★ **World War I**
- ★ **World War II**
- ★ **Korean War**
- ★ **Vietnam War**
- ★ **(Persian) Gulf War**

**“Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima,”  
photographed by Joe Rosenthal,  
Associated Press, 1945.**

Courtesy of the National Archives, 80-G-413988.

Question  
**79**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

# Who was President during World War I?



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# (Woodrow) Wilson

**President Woodrow Wilson.**

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-107577.

Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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# **(Franklin) Roosevelt**

**President Franklin D. Roosevelt signing  
the Declaration of War against Japan on  
December 8, 1941.**

Courtesy of the National Archives.

Question  
**81**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

**Who did the United States  
fight in World War II?**



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# Japan, Germany, and Italy

**Surrender of Japan, September 2, 1945.  
General Douglas MacArthur signs  
as Supreme Allied Commander  
during formal surrender ceremonies  
aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.**

*Courtesy of the National Archives.*



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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# World War II

**General Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1945.**

Courtesy of the National Archives.



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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# Communism

**Germans from East and West stand on the Berlin Wall in front of the Brandenburg Gate in this November 10, 1989 photo, one day after the wall opened. The Berlin Wall was a symbol of the tyranny that restrained freedom throughout the Communist bloc of Eastern Europe during the Cold War.**

AP Images/STF.



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

**What movement tried to end racial discrimination?**



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# civil rights (movement)

Demonstrators at the March on  
Washington for Jobs and Freedom in  
Washington, D.C., August 28, 1963.

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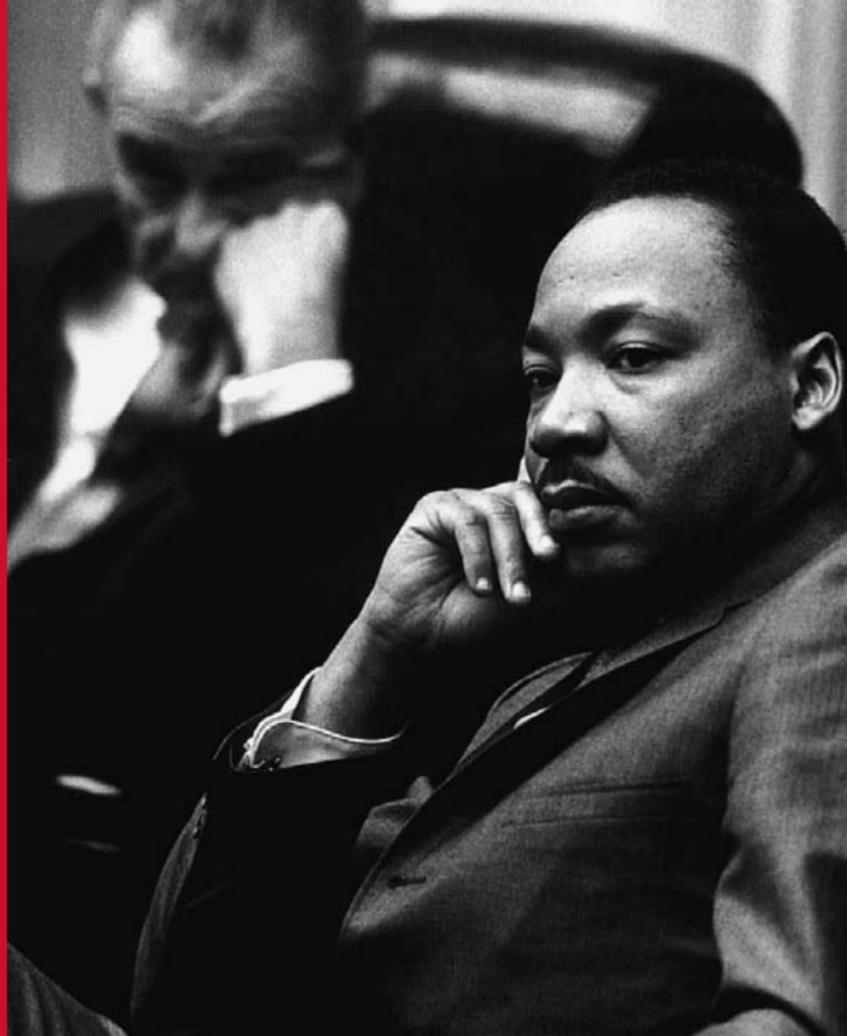
**What did Martin Luther King,  
Jr. do?\***



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and Immigration  
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- ★ **fought for civil rights**
- ★ **worked for equality for all Americans**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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# Terrorists attacked the United States.

**Firefighters unfurl a large American flag  
over the scarred stone of the Pentagon  
on September 12, 2001.**

White House photo by Paul Morse.

Question  
**87**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

Name one American Indian  
tribe in the United States.



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★ Cherokee  
★ Navajo  
★ Sioux  
★ Chippewa  
★ Choctaw  
★ Pueblo

★ Apache  
★ Iroquois  
★ Creek  
★ Blackfeet  
★ Seminole  
★ Cheyenne

★ Arawak  
★ Shawnee  
★ Mohegan  
★ Huron  
★ Oneida  
★ Lakota

★ Crow  
★ Teton  
★ Hopi  
★ Inuit

Four Pueblo women.  
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Congress, LC-USZ62-54421.

Question  
**88**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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- ★ **Missouri (River)**
- ★ **Mississippi (River)**

**The Mississippi River near  
Minneapolis, MN.**



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

**What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?**



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# Pacific (Ocean)

**View of the Pacific Ocean from Big Sur, CA,  
near Bixby Creek Bridge.**

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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

**What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?**



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# Atlantic (Ocean)

Portland Head Light in  
Cape Elizabeth, ME.



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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

Name one U.S. territory.



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- ★ **Puerto Rico**
- ★ **U.S. Virgin Islands**
- ★ **American Samoa**
- ★ **Northern Mariana Islands**
- ★ **Guam**

**Old Spanish Bridge in Umatac, Guam.**

Courtesy of the Office of U.S. Representative

Madeleine Z. Bordallo.



Question  
**92**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
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Name one state that borders  
Canada.



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- ★ **Maine**
- ★ **Ohio**
- ★ **Idaho**
- ★ **New Hampshire**
- ★ **Michigan**
- ★ **Washington**
- ★ **Vermont**
- ★ **Minnesota**
- ★ **Alaska**
- ★ **New York**
- ★ **North Dakota**
- ★ **Pennsylvania**
- ★ **Montana**

Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

Name one state that borders  
**Mexico.**



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★ **California**

★ **New Mexico**

★ **Arizona**

★ **Texas**



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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Services**

# Washington, D.C.

**A view of Washington, D.C., from Virginia, across the Potomac River. The view shows the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the U.S. Capitol.**



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

**Where is the Statue of  
Liberty?\***



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★ **New York (Harbor)**

★ **Liberty Island**

[Also acceptable are New Jersey, near New York City, and on the Hudson (River).]

Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

**Why does the flag have  
13 stripes?**



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- ★ **because there were 13 original colonies**
- ★ **because the stripes represent the original colonies**

Question  
**97**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

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



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★ **because there is one star for each state**

★ **because each star represents a state**

★ **because there are 50 states**

Question  
**98**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
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**What is the name of the  
national anthem?**



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and Immigration  
Services**

# The Star- Spangled Banner

In "The Star-Spangled Banner,"  
by Percy Moran, Francis Scott Key  
reaches toward the flag flying over  
Fort McHenry.

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Question  
**99**



**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

**When do we celebrate  
Independence Day?\***



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**July 4**

**Patriotic celebration at the  
U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.**



Question  
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**Civics Flash Cards**  
for the Naturalization Test

Name two national U.S.  
holidays.



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- ★ **New Year's Day**
- ★ **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- ★ **Presidents' Day**
- ★ **Memorial Day**
- ★ **Independence Day**
- ★ **Labor Day**
- ★ **Columbus Day**
- ★ **Veterans Day**
- ★ **Thanksgiving**
- ★ **Christmas**

**Atlantic Pavilion at the World War II  
Memorial in Washington, D.C.**

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