

Citizenship Test: Civics Study Table (128 Questions)

1. What is the form of government of the United States?	Republic
2. What is the supreme law of the land?	Constitution
3. Name one thing the U.S. Constitution does.	Forms the government
4. The U.S. Constitution starts with the words “We the People.” What does “We the People” mean?	Self-government
5. How are changes made to the U.S. Constitution?	Amendments
*6. What does the Bill of Rights protect?	Rights of people living in the United States
7. How many amendments does the U.S. Constitution have?	27
8. Why is the Declaration of Independence important?	It says America is free from British control

9. What founding document said the American colonies were free from Britain?	Declaration of Independence
10. Name two important ideas from the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.	Equality and Liberty
11. The words “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness” Are in what founding document?	Declaration of Independence
12. What is the economic system of the United States?	Free market economy
13. What is the rule of law?	Everyone must follow the law
14. Many documents influenced the U.S. Constitution. Name one.	Declaration of Independence
15. There are three branches of government. Why?	Checks and balances
16. Name the three branches of government.	Congress, President and the courts

17. The President of the United States is in charge of which branch of government?	Executive branch
18. What part of the federal government writes laws?	Congress
19. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?	Senate and House
20. Name one power of the U.S. Congress	Writes laws
21. How many U.S. Senators are there?	100
22. How long is a term for a U.S. Senator?	6 years
23. Who is one of your state's U.S. Senators now?	Elizabeth Warren - if you live in Massachusetts
24. How many voting members are there in the House of Representatives?	435
25. How long is a term for a member of the House of Representatives?	2 years

26. Why do U.S. representatives serve shorter terms than U.S.Senators?	To more closely follow public opinion
27. How many senators does each state have?	2
28. Why does each state have two senators?	Equal representation
29. Name your U.S. representative.	<p>Katherine Clark – if you live in Malden, Medford or Revere</p> <p>Ayanna Pressley – if you live in Everett, Chelsea or Boston</p> <p>Seth Moulton – if you live in Lynn, Wakefield or Saugus</p>
30. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?	Mike Johnson
*31. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?	People of their state
32. Who elects U.S. senators?	Citizens from their state

*33. Who does a member of the House of Representatives represent?	People in their district
34. Who elects members of the House of Representatives?	Citizens from their district
35. Some states have more representatives than other states. Why?	(Because) they have more people
36. The President of the United States is elected for how many years?	4 years
37. The President of the United States can serve only two terms. Why?	(Because of) the 22nd Amendment
38. What is the name of the President of the United States now?	Donald Trump
39. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?	JD Vance
40. If the president can no longer serve, who becomes president?	The Vice President
41. Name one power of the president.	Signs bills into law (Or: Vetoes bills)

42. Who is the Commander in Chief of the U.S. military?	The President
43. Who signs bills to become laws?	The President
44. Who vetoes bills?	The President
45. Who appoints federal judges?	The President
46. The executive branch has many parts. Name one.	The President
47. What does the President's Cabinet do?	Advises the President
*48. What are two cabinet-level positions?	Secretary of Transportation Secretary of State
49. Why is the Electoral College important?	It decides who is elected president
50. What is one part of the judicial branch?	Supreme Court

51. What does the judicial branch do?	Explains laws (Or: Reviews laws)
52. What is the highest court in the United States?	Supreme Court
53. How many seats are on the Supreme Court?	9
54. How many Supreme Court justices are usually needed to decide a case?	5
55. How long do Supreme Court justices serve?	For life
56. Supreme Court justices serve for life. Why?	To be independent
57. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?	John Roberts
58. Name one power that is only for the federal government.	Print paper money
59. Name one power that is only for the states.	Give a driver's license

<p>60. What is the purpose of the 10th Amendment?</p>	<p>Powers not given to the federal government belong to the states or the people</p>
<p>61. Who is the governor of your state now?</p>	<p>Maura Healey – if you live in Massachusetts</p>
<p>62. What is the capital of your state?</p>	<p>Boston – if you live in Massachusetts</p>
<p>63. There are four amendments to the U.S. Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.</p>	<p>Any citizen can vote</p>
<p>64. Who can vote in federal elections, run for federal office, and serve on a jury in the United States?</p>	<p>Citizens</p>
<p>65. What are three rights of everyone living in the United States?</p>	<p>Freedom of speech Freedom of religion Freedom of assembly</p>

66. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?	The United States (or: The flag)
67. Name two promises that new citizens make in the Oath of Allegiance.	Obey the laws of the United States Be loyal to the United States
68. How can people become United States citizens?	Naturalize
69. What are two examples of civic participation in the United States?	Vote Run for Office
70. What is one way Americans can serve their country?	Vote
71. Why is it important to pay federal taxes?	Required by law
72. It is important for all men age 18 through 25 to register for the Selective Service. Name one reason why.	Required by law
73. The colonists came to America for many reasons. Name one.	Freedom

74. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?	Native Americans (Or: American Indians)
75. What group of people was taken and sold as slaves?	Africans
76. What war did the Americans fight to win independence from Britain?	American Revolution
77. Name one reason why the Americans declared independence from Britain.	High taxes
78. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?	Thomas Jefferson
79. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?	July 4, 1776
80. The American Revolution had many important events. Name one.	Declaration of Independence
*81. There were 13 original states. Name five.	Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Delaware

82. What founding document was written in 1787?	The Constitution
83. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.	John Jay (Or: James Madison, Or: Alexander Hamilton)
84. Why were the Federalist Papers important?	They helped people understand the Constitution
*85. Benjamin Franklin is famous for many things. Name one.	U.S. diplomat
86. George Washington is famous for many things. Name one.	First President of the United States
87. Thomas Jefferson is famous for many things. Name one.	Writer of the Declaration of Independence (Or: Third President of the U.S.)
88. James Madison is famous for many things. Name one.	One of the writers of the Federalist Papers (Or: Fourth President of the U.S.)

89. Alexander Hamilton is famous for many things. Name one.	One of the writers of the Federalist Papers
90. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?	Louisiana (Territory)
91. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1880s.	Civil War
92. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.	The Civil War
93. The Civil War had many important events. Name one.	Emancipation Proclamation
94. Abraham Lincoln is famous for many things. Name one.	Freed the slaves
95. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?	Freed the slaves
96. What U.S. war ended slavery?	The Civil War
97. What amendment says all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are U.S. Citizens?	14th Amendment

98. When did all men get the right to vote?	After the Civil War
99. Name one leader of the women's rights movement in the 1800s.	Susan B. Anthony
100. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.	World War I
101. Why did the U.S. enter World War I?	To support the allied powers
102. When did all women get the right to vote?	After World War I
103. What was the Great Depression?	Longest economic recession in modern history
104. When did the Great Depression start?	Stock market crash of 1929
105. Who was president during the Great Depression and World War II?	(Franklin) Roosevelt
106. Why did the United States enter World War II?	To support the allied powers

*107. Dwight Eisenhower is famous for many things. Name one.	General during World War II
108. Who was the United States' main rival during the Cold War?	Russia
109. During the Cold War, what was one main concern of the United States?	Communism
110. Why did the United States enter the Korean War?	To stop the spread of communism
111. Why did the United States enter the Vietnam War?	To stop the spread of communism
112. What did the civil rights movement do?	Fought to end racial discrimination
113. Martin Luther King, Jr. is famous for many things. Name one.	Fought for civil rights
114. Why did the United States enter the Persian Gulf War	To force the Iraqi military from Kuwait

115. What major event happened on September 11, 2001 in the United States?	Terrorists attacked the United States
116. Name one U.S. military conflict after the September 11, 2001 attacks	War in Afghanistan
117. Name one American Indian Tribe in the United States	Hopi
118. Name one example of an American innovation.	Airplane
119. What is the capital of the United States?	Washington, D.C.
120. Where is the Statue of Liberty?	New York Harbor
121. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?	(Because there were) 13 original colonies
122. Why does the flag have 50 stars?	(Because there are) 50 states
123. What is the name of the national anthem?	The Star Spangled Banner

124. The Nation's first motto was "E Pluribus Unum." What does that mean?	Out of many, one
125. What is Independence Day?	The country's birthday
126. Name three national U.S. holidays.	Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day New Year's Day
127. What is Memorial Day?	A holiday to honor soldiers who died in military service
128. What is Veterans Day?	A holiday to honor people in the (U.S.) military