US citizenship class kit: teacher's guide

Free printable sheets for a citizenship class, from sourcedprep.com/teach. No accounts and no learner data: everything here is paper.

Which test

Learners who filed Form N-400 before October 20, 2025 take the 2008 test (100 questions). Learners who filed on or after that date take the 2025 test (128 questions). The which-test check at sourcedprep.com/citizenship/which-test tells a learner in up to three questions.

How the officer asks

2025 test: the officer asks up to 20 questions and stops at 12 right or 9 wrong. 2008 test: up to 10 questions, stopping at 6 right or 5 wrong. The free practice interview on the site works the same way.

65/20 learners

Learners who qualify for the 65/20 rule study a shorter list. On the 2025 and 2008 sheets those questions are marked 65/20. See sourcedprep.com/citizenship/65-20-rule.

The plan

The 2025 sheets give 16 questions a week for 8 weeks, in USCIS order. The 2008 sheets cover its 100 questions in 7 weeks (16 a week, then 4). Each week, read each question aloud, have learners say the answer, and tick a box each time.

Answers that change

Some answers depend on where a learner lives, or on who holds office. They are marked on the sheets, and the sheets at the back have room to write them in. Names printed here were read from USCIS's test updates page on 12 November 2026; check uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates shortly before each interview.

Listening practice

On 23 November 2026, USCIS's 2025 civics test page offered the 128 questions and a study guide as PDFs; we found no audio recording of the 2025 list there. Reading each question aloud in class, as the plan above does, gives learners the listening practice.

The questions and answers are USCIS's public lists: 128 Civics Questions and Answers (2025 version), M-1778 (09/25), and the 2008 list (rev. 01/19), checked on 23 November 2026. The layout and plan are Sourced Prep's own. Sourced Prep is independent and is not USCIS. Study practice only, not legal or immigration advice.

Pages to print

Every week starts on an odd page, so double-sided copies keep each week on its own sheets. Blank backs are marked "Notes".

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2025 test, week 1: questions 1 to 16

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

1 **What is the form of government of the United States?** ☐☐☐

- Republic
- Constitution-based federal republic
- Representative democracy

2 **What is the supreme law of the land?** 65/20 ☐☐☐

- (U.S.) Constitution

3 **Name one thing the U.S. Constitution does.** ☐☐☐

- Forms the government
- Defines powers of government
- Defines the parts of government
- Protects the rights of the people

4 **The U.S. Constitution starts with the words "We the People." What does "We the People" mean?** ☐☐☐

- Self-government
- Popular sovereignty
- Consent of the governed
- People should govern themselves
- (Example of) social contract

5 **How are changes made to the U.S. Constitution?** ☐☐☐

- Amendments
- The amendment process

6 **What does the Bill of Rights protect?** ☐☐☐

- (The basic) rights of Americans
- (The basic) rights of people living in the United States

7 **How many amendments does the U.S. Constitution have?** 65/20

- Twenty-seven (27)

8 **Why is the Declaration of Independence important?**

- It says America is free from British control.
- It says all people are created equal.
- It identifies inherent rights.
- It identifies individual freedoms.

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
- Liberty
- Social contract
- Natural rights
- Limited government
- Self-government

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?** 65/20

- Capitalism
- Free market economy

13 What is the rule of law?

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

14 Many documents influenced the U.S. Constitution. Name one.

- Declaration of Independence
- Articles of Confederation
- Federalist Papers
- Anti-Federalist Papers
- Virginia Declaration of Rights
- Fundamental Orders of Connecticut
- Mayflower Compact
- Iroquois Great Law of Peace

15 There are three branches of government. Why?

- So one part does not become too powerful
- Checks and balances
- Separation of powers

16 Name the three branches of government.

- Legislative, executive, and judicial
- Congress, president, and the courts

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2025 test, week 2: questions 17 to 32

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

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?** ☐☐☐

- (U.S.) Congress
- (U.S. or national) legislature
- Legislative branch

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

- Senate and House (of Representatives)

20 **Name one power of the U.S. Congress.** 65/20 ☐☐☐

- Writes laws
- Declares war
- Makes the federal budget

21 **How many U.S. senators are there?** ☐☐☐

- One hundred (100)

22 **How long is a term for a U.S. senator?** ☐☐☐

- Six (6) years

23 **Who is one of your state's U.S. senators now?** ☐☐☐

- 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.]

Your answer depends on where you live. Write it on the sheet at the back.

24 **How many voting members are in the House of Representatives?**

- Four hundred thirty-five (435)

25 **How long is a term for a member of the House of Representatives?**

- Two (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?**

- Two (2)

28 **Why does each state have two senators?**

- Equal representation (for small states)
- The Great Compromise (Connecticut Compromise)

29 **Name your U.S. representative.**

- 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.]

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30 **What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?** 65/20

- Visit uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates for the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- Mike Johnson (USCIS list, read 12 November 2026)

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31 **Who does a U.S. senator represent?**

- Citizens of their state
- People of their state

32 **Who elects U.S. senators?**

- Citizens from their state

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2025 test, week 3: questions 33 to 48

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

33 **Who does a member of the House of Representatives represent?** ☐☐☐

- Citizens in their (congressional) district
- Citizens in their district
- People from their (congressional) district
- People in their district

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34 **Who elects members of the House of Representatives?** ☐☐☐

- Citizens from their (congressional) district

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35 **Some states have more representatives than other states. Why?** ☐☐☐

- (Because of) the state’s population
- (Because) they have more people
- (Because) some states have more people

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36 **The President of the United States is elected for how many years?** 65/20 ☐☐☐

- Four (4) years

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37 **The President of the United States can serve only two terms. Why?** ☐☐☐

- (Because of) the 22nd Amendment
- To keep the president from becoming too powerful

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38 **What is the name of the President of the United States now?** 65/20

- Visit uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates for the name of the President of the United States.
- Donald J. Trump (USCIS list, read 12 November 2026)

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39 **What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?** 65/20

- Visit uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates for the name of the Vice President of the United States.
- JD Vance (USCIS list, read 12 November 2026)

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40 **If the president can no longer serve, who becomes president?**

- The Vice President (of the United States)

41 **Name one power of the president.**

- Signs bills into law
- Vetoes bills
- Enforces laws
- Commander in Chief (of the military)
- Chief diplomat
- Appoints federal judges

42 **Who is Commander in Chief of the U.S. military?**

- The President (of the United States)

43 **Who signs bills to become laws?**

- The President (of the United States)

44 **Who vetoes bills?** 65/20

- The President (of the United States)

45 **Who appoints federal judges?**

- The President (of the United States)

46 **The executive branch has many parts. Name one.**

- President (of the United States)
- Cabinet
- Federal departments and agencies

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

- Advises the President (of the United States)

48 What are two Cabinet-level positions?

- Attorney General
- Secretary of Agriculture
- Secretary of Commerce
- 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
- Secretary of War (Defense)
- Vice-President
- Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
- Administrator of the Small Business Administration
- Director of the Central Intelligence Agency
- Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- Director of National Intelligence
- United States Trade Representative

2025 test, week 4: questions 49 to 64

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

49 **Why is the Electoral College important?** ☐☐☐

- It decides who is elected president.
- It provides a compromise between the popular election of the president and congressional selection.

50 **What is one part of the judicial branch?** ☐☐☐

- Supreme Court
- Federal Courts

51 **What does the judicial branch do?** ☐☐☐

- Reviews laws
- Explains laws
- Resolves disputes (disagreements) about the law
- Decides if a law goes against the (U.S.) Constitution

52 **What is the highest court in the United States?** 65/20 ☐☐☐

- Supreme Court

53 **How many seats are on the Supreme Court?** ☐☐☐

- Nine (9)

54 **How many Supreme Court justices are usually needed to decide a case?** ☐☐☐

- Five (5)

55 **How long do Supreme Court justices serve?** ☐☐☐

- (For) life
- Lifetime appointment
- (Until) retirement

56 Supreme Court justices serve for life. Why?

- To be independent (of politics)
- To limit outside (political) influence

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

- Visit uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates for the name of the Chief Justice of the United States.
- John Roberts (USCIS list, read 12 November 2026)

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58 Name one power that is only for the federal government.

- Print paper money
- Mint coins
- Declare war
- Create an army
- Make treaties
- Set foreign policy

59 Name one power that is only for the states.

- Provide schooling and education
- Provide protection (police)
- Provide safety (fire departments)
- Give a driver’s license
- Approve zoning and land use

60 What is the purpose of the 10th Amendment?

- (It states that the) powers not given to the federal government belong to the states or to the people.

61 **Who is the governor of your state now?** 65/20

- Answers will vary. [District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. does not have a governor.]

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

- 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.]

Your answer depends on where you live. Write it on the sheet at the back.

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

- 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).

64 **Who can vote in federal elections, run for federal office, and serve on a jury in the United States?**

- Citizens
- Citizens of the United States
- U.S. citizens

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2025 test, week 5: questions 65 to 80

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

65 **What are three rights of everyone living in the United States?** ☐☐☐

- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of assembly
- Freedom to petition the government
- Freedom of religion
- The right to bear arms

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66 **What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?** 65/20 ☐☐☐

- The United States
- The flag

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67 **Name two promises that new citizens make in the Oath of Allegiance.** ☐☐☐

- Give up loyalty to other countries
- Defend the (U.S.) Constitution
- Obey the laws of the United States
- Serve in the military (if needed)
- Serve (help, do important work for) the nation (if needed)
- Be loyal to the United States

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68 **How can people become United States citizens?** ☐☐☐

- Be born in the United States, under the conditions set by the 14th Amendment
- Naturalize
- Derive citizenship (under conditions set by Congress)

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69 **What are two examples of civic participation in the United States?**

- Vote
- Run for office
- 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)
- Contact elected officials
- Support or oppose an issue or policy
- Write to a newspaper

70 **What is one way Americans can serve their country?**

- Vote
- Pay taxes
- Obey the law
- Serve in the military
- Run for office
- Work for local, state, or federal government

71 **Why is it important to pay federal taxes?**

- Required by law
- All people pay to fund the federal government
- Required by the (U.S.) Constitution (16th Amendment)
- Civic duty

72 **It is important for all men age 18 through 25 to register for the Selective Service. Name one reason why.**

- Required by law
- Civic duty
- Makes the draft fair, if needed

73 **The colonists came to America for many reasons. Name one.**

- Freedom
- Political liberty
- Religious freedom
- Economic opportunity
- Escape persecution

74 **Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?** 65/20

- American Indians
- Native Americans

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

- Africans
- People from Africa

76 **What war did the Americans fight to win independence from Britain?**

- American Revolution
- The (American) Revolutionary War
- War for (American) Independence

77 **Name one reason why the Americans declared independence from Britain.**

- High taxes
- Taxation without representation
- British soldiers stayed in Americans' houses (boarding, quartering)
- They did not have self-government
- Boston Massacre
- Boston Tea Party (Tea Act)
- Stamp Act
- Sugar Act
- Townshend Acts
- Intolerable (Coercive) Acts

78 **Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?** 65/20

- (Thomas) Jefferson

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

- July 4, 1776

80 **The American Revolution had many important events. Name one.**

- (Battle of) Bunker Hill
- Declaration of Independence
- Washington Crossing the Delaware (Battle of Trenton)
- (Battle of) Saratoga
- Valley Forge (Encampment)
- (Battle of) Yorktown (British surrender at Yorktown)

2025 test, week 6: questions 81 to 96

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

81 There were 13 original states. Name five. ☐☐☐

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

82 What founding document was written in 1787? ☐☐☐

- (U.S.) Constitution

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

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

84 Why were the Federalist Papers important? ☐☐☐

- They helped people understand the (U.S.) Constitution.
- They supported passing the (U.S.) Constitution.

85 Benjamin Franklin is famous for many things. Name one. ☐☐☐

- Founded the first free public libraries
- First Postmaster General of the United States
- Helped write the Declaration of Independence
- Inventor
- U.S. diplomat

86 **George Washington is famous for many things. Name one.** 65/20

- "Father of Our Country"
- First president of the United States
- General of the Continental Army
- President of the Constitutional Convention

87 **Thomas Jefferson is famous for many things. Name one.**

- Writer of the Declaration of Independence
- Third president of the United States
- Doubled the size of the United States (Louisiana Purchase)
- First Secretary of State
- Founded the University of Virginia
- Writer of the Virginia Statute on Religious Freedom

88 **James Madison is famous for many things. Name one.**

- "Father of the Constitution"
- Fourth president of the United States
- President during the War of 1812
- One of the writers of the Federalist Papers

89 **Alexander Hamilton is famous for many things. Name one.**

- First Secretary of the Treasury
- One of the writers of the Federalist Papers
- Helped establish the First Bank of the United States
- Aide to General George Washington
- Member of the Continental Congress

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

- Louisiana Territory
- Louisiana

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

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

- (Battle of) Fort Sumter
- Emancipation Proclamation
- (Battle of) Vicksburg
- (Battle of) Gettysburg
- Sherman's March
- (Surrender at) Appomattox
- (Battle of) Antietam/Sharpsburg
- Lincoln was assassinated.

94 **Abraham Lincoln is famous for many things. Name one.** 65/20

- Freed the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation)
- Saved (or preserved) the Union
- Led the United States during the Civil War
- 16th president of the United States
- Delivered the Gettysburg Address

95 What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

- Freed the slaves
- Freed slaves in the Confederacy
- Freed slaves in the Confederate states
- Freed slaves in most Southern states

96 What U.S. war ended slavery?

- The Civil War

2025 test, week 7: questions 97 to 112

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

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

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98 **When did all men get the right to vote?** ☐☐☐

- After the Civil War
- During Reconstruction
- (With the) 15th Amendment
- 1870

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99 **Name one leader of the women's rights movement in the 1800s.** ☐☐☐

- Susan B. Anthony
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- Sojourner Truth
- Harriet Tubman
- Lucretia Mott
- Lucy Stone

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

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

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101 Why did the United States enter World War I?

- Because Germany attacked U.S. (civilian) ships
- To support the Allied Powers (England, France, Italy, and Russia)
- To oppose the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria)

102 When did all women get the right to vote?

- 1920
- After World War I
- (With the) 19th Amendment

103 What was the Great Depression?

- Longest economic recession in modern history

104 When did the Great Depression start?

- The Great Crash (1929)
- 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?

- (Bombing of) Pearl Harbor
- Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor
- To support the Allied Powers (England, France, and Russia)
- To oppose the Axis Powers (Germany, Italy, and Japan)

107 **Dwight Eisenhower is famous for many things. Name one.**

- General during World War II
- President at the end of (during) the Korean War
- 34th president of the United States
- Signed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 (Created the Interstate System)

108 **Who was the United States' main rival during the Cold War?**

- Soviet Union
- USSR
- Russia

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

- Communism
- Nuclear war

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

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2025 test, week 8: questions 113 to 128

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

113 Martin Luther King, Jr. is famous for many things. Name one. 65/20

- Fought for civil rights
- Worked for equality for all Americans
- Worked to ensure that people would "not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character"

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? 65/20

- Terrorists attacked the United States
- Terrorists took over two planes and crashed them into the World Trade Center in New York City
- Terrorists took over a plane and crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia
- Terrorists took over a plane originally aimed at Washington, D.C., and crashed in a field in Pennsylvania

116 Name one U.S. military conflict after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

- (Global) War on Terror
- War in Afghanistan
- War in Iraq

117 Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.

- Apache
- Blackfeet
- Cayuga
- Cherokee
- Cheyenne
- Chippewa
- Choctaw
- Creek
- Crow
- Hopi
- Huron
- Inupiat
- Lakota
- Mohawk
- Mohegan
- Navajo
- Oneida
- Onondaga
- Pueblo
- Seminole
- Seneca
- Shawnee
- Sioux
- Teton
- Tuscarora

For a complete list of tribes, please visit bia.gov.

118 Name one example of an American innovation.

- Light bulb
- Automobile (cars, internal combustion engine)
- Skyscrapers
- Airplane
- Assembly line
- Landing on the moon
- Integrated circuit (IC)

119 What is the capital of the United States?

- Washington, D.C.

120 Where is the Statue of Liberty?

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

121 Why does the flag have 13 stripes? 65/20

- (Because there were) 13 original colonies
- (Because the stripes) represent the original colonies

122 Why does the flag have 50 stars?

- (Because there is) one star for each state
- (Because) each star represents a state
- (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
- We all become one

125 What is Independence Day?

- A holiday to celebrate U.S. independence (from Britain)
- The country's birthday

126 Name three national U.S. holidays. 65/20

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Presidents Day (Washington's Birthday)
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas 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
- A holiday to honor people who have served (in the U.S. military)

2008 test, week 1: questions 1 to 16

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

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

- the Constitution

2 **What does the Constitution do?** ☐☐☐

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

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)
- an addition (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?** 65/20 ☐☐☐

- speech
- religion
- assembly
- press
- petition the government

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

- twenty-seven (27)

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

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

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

- life
- liberty
- pursuit of happiness

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?** 65/20

- capitalist economy
- market economy

12 **What is the "rule of law"?**

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

13 **Name one branch or part of the government.** 65/20

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

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

- checks and balances
- separation of powers

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

- the President

16 **Who makes federal laws?**

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

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2008 test, week 2: questions 17 to 32

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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.**

- 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.]

Your answer depends on where you live. Write it on the sheet at the back.

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

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

- four (4)

27 **In what month do we vote for President?** 65/20

- November

28 **What is the name of the President of the United States now?** 65/20

- Visit uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates for the name of the President of the United States.
- Donald J. Trump (USCIS list, read 12 November 2026)

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

- Visit uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates for the name of the Vice President of the United States.
- JD Vance (USCIS list, read 12 November 2026)

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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

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2008 test, week 3: questions 33 to 48

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

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 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

37 What does the judicial branch do? ☐☐☐

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

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

- the Supreme Court

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

- Visit uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates for the number of justices on the Supreme Court.
- nine (9) (USCIS list, read 12 November 2026)

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

- Visit uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates for the name of the Chief Justice of the United States.
- John Roberts (USCIS list, read 12 November 2026)

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

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

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

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

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

- Answers will vary. [District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. does not have a Governor.]

Your answer depends on where you live. Write it on the sheet at the back.

44 **What is the capital of your state?** 65/20

- 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.]

Your answer depends on where you live. Write it on the sheet at the back.

45 **What are the two major political parties in the United States?** 65/20

- Democratic and Republican

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

- Visit uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates for the political party of the President.
- Republican (Party) (USCIS list, read 12 November 2026)

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

- Visit uscis.gov/citizenship/testupdates for the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- Mike Johnson (USCIS list, read 12 November 2026)

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

- 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).

2008 test, week 4: questions 49 to 64

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

49 **What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?** 65/20

- serve on a jury
- vote in a federal election

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

- vote in a federal election
- run for federal office

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

- freedom of expression
- freedom of speech
- freedom of assembly
- freedom to petition the government
- freedom of religion
- the right to bear arms

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?**

- 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

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54 **How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?** 65/20

- eighteen (18) and older

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

- 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

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56 **When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?** 65/20

- April 15

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

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

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58 What is one reason colonists came to America?

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

59 Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

- American Indians
- Native Americans

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

- Africans
- people from Africa

61 Why did the colonists fight the British?

- because of high taxes (taxation without representation)
- because the British army stayed in their houses (boarding, quartering)
- because they didn’t have self-government

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

2008 test, week 5: questions 65 to 80

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

65 **What happened at the Constitutional Convention?** ☐☐☐

- The Constitution was written.
- The Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution.

66 **When was the Constitution written?** ☐☐☐

- 1787

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

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

68 **What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?** ☐☐☐

- 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

69 **Who is the “Father of Our Country”?** ☐☐☐

- (George) Washington

70 **Who was the first President?** 65/20 ☐☐☐

- (George) Washington

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

- the Louisiana Territory
- Louisiana

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

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

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

- the Civil War
- the War between the States

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

- slavery
- economic reasons
- states' rights

75 **What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?** 65/20

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

76 **What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?**

- freed the slaves
- freed slaves in the Confederacy
- freed slaves in the Confederate states
- freed slaves in most Southern states

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

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

78 **Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.** 65/20

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

79 **Who was President during World War I?**

- (Woodrow) Wilson

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

- (Franklin) Roosevelt

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2008 test, week 6: questions 81 to 96

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

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?** 65/20 ☐☐☐

- fought for civil rights
- worked for equality for all Americans

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.**

- Cherokee
- Navajo
- Sioux
- Chippewa
- Choctaw
- Pueblo
- Apache
- Iroquois
- Creek
- Blackfeet
- Seminole
- Cheyenne
- Arawak
- Shawnee
- Mohegan
- Huron
- Oneida
- Lakota
- Crow
- Teton
- Hopi
- Inuit

[USCIS Officers will be supplied with a list of federally recognized American Indian tribes.]

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

- Missouri (River)
- Mississippi (River)

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

- Pacific (Ocean)

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

- Atlantic (Ocean)

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91 Name one U.S. territory.

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

92 Name one state that borders Canada.

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

93 Name one state that borders Mexico.

- California
- Arizona
- New Mexico
- Texas

94 What is the capital of the United States? 65/20

- Washington, D.C.

95 Where is the Statue of Liberty? 65/20

- New York (Harbor)
- Liberty Island

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

96 Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

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

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2008 test, week 7: questions 97 to 100

Hear each question. Say the answer out loud. Tick a box on the right each time you say it.

97 **Why does the flag have 50 stars?** 65/20

- because there is one star for each state
- because each star represents a state
- because there are 50 states

98 **What is the name of the national anthem?**

- The Star-Spangled Banner

99 **When do we celebrate Independence Day?** 65/20

- July 4

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

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

Notes

My answers that change: 2025 test

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No.	Question	My answer
23	Who is one of your state's U.S. senators now?	
29	Name your U.S. representative.	
30	What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?	
38	What is the name of the President of the United States now?	
39	What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?	
57	Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?	
61	Who is the governor of your state now?	
62	What is the capital of your state?	

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My answers that change: 2008 test

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23	Name your U.S. Representative.	
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?	
39	How many justices are on the Supreme Court?	
40	Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?	
43	Who is the Governor of your state now?	
44	What is the capital of your state?	
46	What is the political party of the President now?	
47	What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?	

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Class tally (learner numbers, no names)

Tick a week when the learner can say all of that week's answers out loud. Use numbers, not names. Not legal advice.

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