

US Civics Test

Graduation Requirement

Answers to questions are highlighted in yellow.

1. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?
2. What is freedom of religion?
3. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
4. Name one branch or part of the government.
5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
6. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?
7. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
8. What is one reason colonists came to America?
9. Who is the "Father of Our Country"?
10. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
11. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?
12. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
13. We elect a President for how many years?
14. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
15. Who makes federal laws?
16. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?
17. What is the "rule of law"?
18. What does the Constitution do?
19. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
20. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
21. What are the two major political parties in the United States today?
22. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
23. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?
24. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?
25. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
26. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
27. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States?
28. What does the judicial branch do?
29. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
30. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
31. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
32. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Select the response that accurately describes one of them:
33. Who signs bills to become laws?
34. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
35. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
36. What is an amendment?
37. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?
38. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?
39. What is the economic system in the United States?
40. When do we celebrate Independence Day?

41. Name one right belonging only to United States citizens.
42. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?
43. What is the supreme law of the land?
44. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
45. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?
46. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
47. What is one right or freedom granted by the First Amendment?
48. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
49. How many U.S. senators are there?
50. Who was the first President?