

The following are sample U.S. History and Government Questions that may be asked during the Naturalization Exam.



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Persons over the age of 65 who are Permanent Residents and who have resided in the United States as Permanent Residents for at least 20 years have different requirements for history and government knowledge. They may also be tested in the language of their choice because they are exempt from the English literacy requirements.

Typical Questions

1. Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July?
2. Who was the first President of the United States?
3. Who is the President of the United States now?
4. What is the Constitution?
5. What are the first 10 amendments to the Constitution called?
6. Who elects Congress?
7. How many Senators are there in Congress?
8. For how long do we elect each Senator?
9. For how long do we elect each member of the House of Representatives?
10. Who nominates judges to the Supreme Court?
11. What are the three branches of our Government?
12. What is the highest court in the United States?
13. What major river running North to South divides the United States?
14. The Civil War was fought over what important issues?
15. What are the two major political parties in the United States today?
16. How many states are there in the United States?
17. What is the capital of the United States?
18. What is the minimum voting age in the United States?
19. Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?
20. What nation was first to land a man on the moon?
21. What is the capital of your state?
22. What is it called if the President refuses to sign a bill into law and returns it to Congress with his objections?
23. What two oceans border the United States?
24. What famous American invented the electric light bulb?
25. What is the national anthem of the United States?

Answer Sheet

1. It is Independence Day
2. George Washington
3. George W. Bush*
4. The supreme law of the land
5. The Bill of Rights
6. The citizens of the United States
7. 100
8. 6 years
9. 2 years
10. The President
11. Legislative, Executive and Judicial
12. The Supreme Court
13. The Mississippi River
14. Slavery and states' rights
15. Democratic and Republican
16. 50
17. Washington, DC
18. 18
19. A civil rights leader
20. The United States
21. The answer to this question depends on where you live.
22. Veto
23. The Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
24. Thomas Edison
25. The Star-Spangled Banner

* **NOTE:** The answer to questions marked with asterisks will change. Check to be sure you have the correct answer.