

Pathway to U.S. Citizenship

For an adult immigrant to become a U.S. citizen, he or she must go through the process of naturalization. **GENERAL** requirements for naturalization call for the immigrant to:



- ★ Download Form N-400: www.uscis.gov/n-400
- ★ USCIS Forms Line: 1 800 870 3676
- ★ USCIS Customer Service: 1 800 375 5283
- ★ Learn more about specific eligibility requirements for naturalization: www.uscis.gov/citizenship

Prepare for the Naturalization Test

What should I expect at my naturalization eligibility interview?

Once you have completed and submitted your Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, and you have had your fingerprints taken at a USCIS facility, you will receive an appointment notice for an interview.

At your naturalization interview, you will be required to answer questions about your application and background. A USCIS Officer will test your ability to read, write, speak, and understand English (unless you are exempt from the English requirements). You will also be given a civics test in English to test your knowledge and understanding of U.S. history and government.

You will be given two opportunities to take the English and civics tests and to answer all questions relating to your Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, in English. If you fail any of the tests during your initial interview, you will be retested on the portion of the test that you failed (English or civics) between 60 and 90 days from the date of your initial interview.

Applicants who are age 65 or older and have been a permanent resident for at least 20 years at the time of filing Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, are only required to study 20 of the 100 civics test questions for the naturalization test. These questions are flagged with an asterisk (*) in this brochure.

For information on exceptions or modifications to the English and civics requirements for naturalization, see "Exceptions and Accommodations" available at www.uscis.gov/citizenship.



Study Materials for the Naturalization Test

What study materials are available and how can I find English language, civics, and/or citizenship classes?

The USCIS Office of Citizenship has developed a variety of study materials for the naturalization test. These materials include Civics Flash Cards, Vocabulary Flash Cards, Learn About the United States: Quick Civics Lessons, The USCIS Naturalization Interview and Test video, and translated versions of the 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers. All materials are available on the Citizenship Resource Center at www.uscis.gov/citizenship.

- **Learn About the United States: Quick Civics Lessons with Audio CD**
As you prepare for U.S. citizenship, this booklet will help you study for the civics and English portions of the naturalization test. Learn About the United States contains short lessons based on each of the 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers.
- **Civics Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test**
Another option to help you study is the Civics Flash Cards. With historical photos and informative captions, the Civics Flash Cards cover each of the 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers.
- **Vocabulary Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test**
These easy-to-use flash cards contain vocabulary words to help you study for the English reading and writing portions of the naturalization test.
- **The USCIS Naturalization Interview and Test (DVD)**
This 16-minute video provides an overview of the naturalization process including eligibility requirements, the application process, the naturalization interview, and the naturalization test. The video includes two simulated interviews between applicants and USCIS Officers.

Other Helpful USCIS Resources



USCIS offers a number of resources to help you find information on eligibility and testing requirements, the application process, and study materials. You can also learn more about citizenship rights and responsibilities and find a free

information session in your area.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

The government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States. Visit this website for information related to immigration.

www.uscis.gov

Citizenship Resource Center

Provides learners, teachers, and organizations with a one-stop resource for locating citizenship preparation materials.

www.uscis.gov/citizenship

A Guide to Naturalization

Offers a comprehensive overview of the naturalization application and interview process.

www.uscis.gov/natzguide

Form N-400, Application for Naturalization

Use this form to apply for U.S. citizenship.

www.uscis.gov/n-400

Naturalization Information Sessions

USCIS regularly holds free information sessions for the public on naturalization eligibility requirements, the naturalization process, and the naturalization test. Find a session in your area:

www.uscis.gov/citizenshipsessions



The Naturalization Test

Overview of Requirements and Available Resources

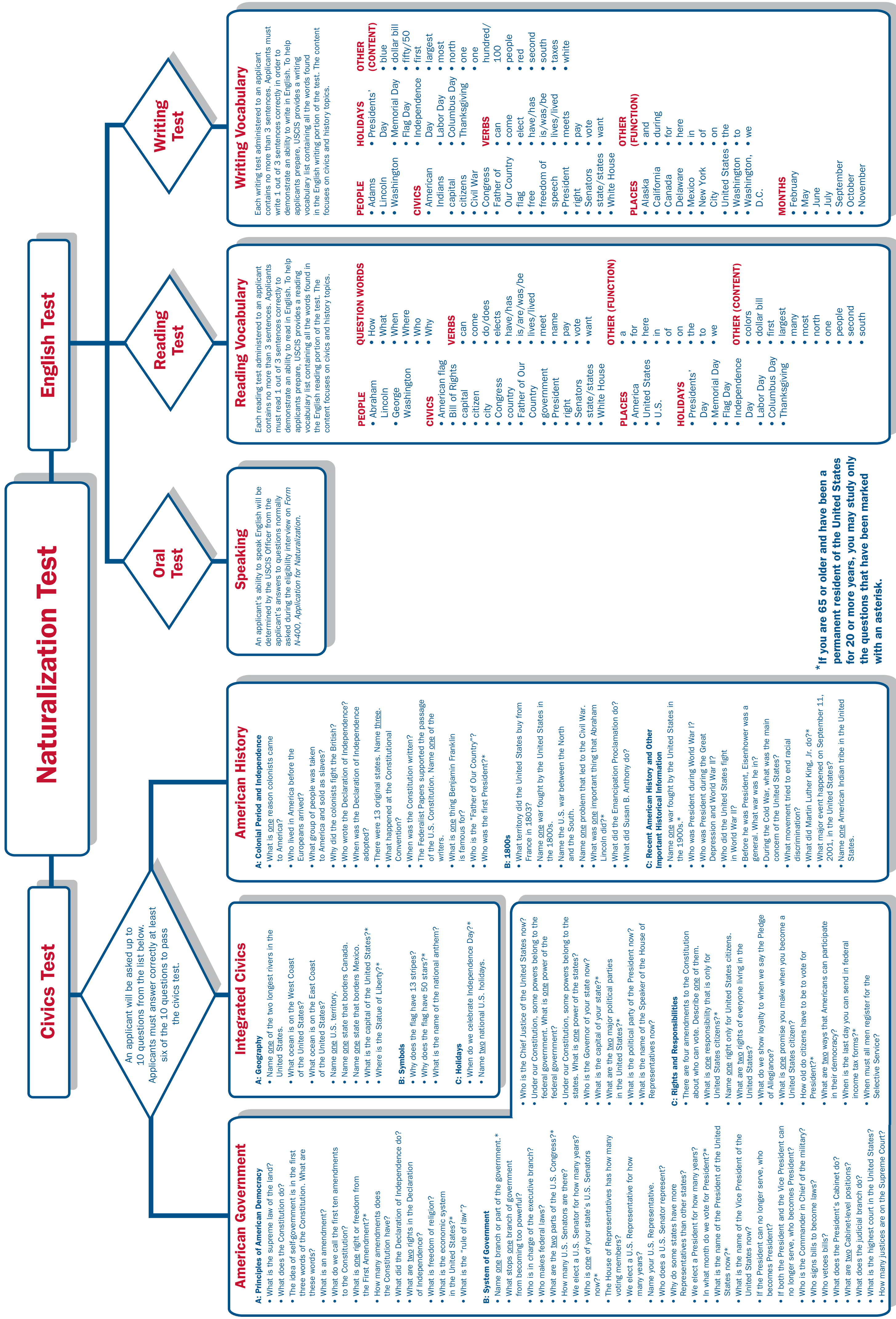


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Components of the Naturalization Test



*If you are 65 or older and have been a permanent resident of the United States for 20 or more years, you may study only the questions that have been marked with an asterisk.