

# HISTORY™

# CITIZENSHIP

# ★ QUIZ ★

TAKE THE CHALLENGE



## Take the HISTORY Citizenship Quiz!

Every year, nearly one million individuals become U.S. citizens. They must pass a test in American history and civics as part of this process. The test includes 100 questions about the structure of the U.S. government, as well as basic questions about history and geography. When citizenship applicants take this test, they are asked to answer only ten questions from the total list, yet in order to prepare, they must be familiar with all 100. This test presents an ideal way for our young people to build their knowledge of U.S. history.

Visit us online at [www.history.com/shows/classroom/interactives/citizenship-quiz](http://www.history.com/shows/classroom/interactives/citizenship-quiz) to test your knowledge!

## Get in the Game!

HISTORY invites schools to develop their own activities and events related to the Citizenship Quiz. The questions on the official USCIS test cover much of the material students are asked to learn in their social studies, history, civics, and politics courses in grades 5-12. (Teachers can adapt the activities to align with the grade level of their students.)

<p><b>Step 1: Classroom Activities</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit <a href="http://www.history.com/shows/classroom/interactives/citizenship-quiz">www.history.com/shows/classroom/interactives/citizenship-quiz</a> for background information.</li> <li>2. Download and print the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test, located at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>.</li> <li>3. Distribute the test to students. You may want to break students up into groups and have each group take responsibility for researching and answering a certain set of questions. Some additional suggestions:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ask students to make flash cards of the questions and test one another.</li> <li>b) Have students create a chart breaking down the test questions into categories and create posterboards or computer presentations creatively organizing the questions and answers.</li> <li>c) Print the questions and cut them up into small slips with one question each. Create a scavenger hunt in which groups of students are challenged to find the questions and answer them as quickly as possible.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Step 2: Test Your Knowledge!</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Play the Game.</b> Once they are prepared, have students truly test their knowledge by taking this computer test and seeing how they score! (See the web link above to locate the game on History.com)</li> <li>2. <b>Design your own game.</b> Organize an event, either during school hours or in the evening with the broader community, in which students are challenged to take the test. Be creative – these events can be in game show format, in a computer lab, or any other type of game environment. Reap the rewards! After students have taken the online test, they can download and print a certificate of participation.</li> <li>3. <b>Tell us about your events and activities!</b> HISTORY developed the Citizenship Quiz to be flexible and we encourage schools to plan their own activities using this concept. Share your ideas with us at <a href="mailto:classroom@aetn.com">classroom@aetn.com</a>.</li> </ol>

## USCIS Test: SAMPLE QUESTION

Question #88: Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.

Acceptable Answers:

Missouri (River) *or*  Mississippi (River)

