# Civics Flash Cards <br> for the New Naturalization Test 

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Instructions for cutting and folding cards


Cut the cards on the dashed line.
Print the cards on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Cut and fold to make flash cards. Fasten the two sides together with tape, glue or staples.

Use as a study tool. Pick up a card and read the question. When you are ready to answer, turn the card over and see if your answer is correct.


Fold the cards on the dotted line.

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USCIS Civics Flash Cards
These Civics Flash Cards will help immigrants learn about U.S. history and government while preparing for the new naturalization test. These flash cards can also be used in the classroom as an instructional tool for citizenship preparation.


## USCIS Civics Flash Cards

The 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers for the new naturalization test are included in these flash cards. The civics test is an oral test and the USCIS Officer will ask the applicant up to 10 of the $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ civics questions. An applicant must answer $\mathbf{6}$ out of 10 questions correctly to pass the civics portion of the naturalization test.
Although USCIS is aware that there may be additional correct answers to the 100 civics questions, applicants are encouraged to respond to the civics questions using the answers provided on these flash cards.
If you are 65 years old or older and have been a legal permanent resident of the United States for $\mathbf{2 0}$ or more years, you may study just the questions that have been marked with an asterisk (*).

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## Question

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What is the supreme law of the land?

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## Question

The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?

We the People
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What is an amendment?

* a change (to the Constitution)
* an addition (to the Constitution)

Fified January $23,{ }^{1933)}$ President an ction 1 . The terms of the Presiden of ction end at noon on the Representatives erms of Senators and Rears in which suct erms of January, of years had not been rat ended if this arricle had shall then begin. of their successors Section 2. The Congress shall shall
every year, and such meeting shall


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What do we call the first the Bill of ten amendments to the Constitution?


What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?*

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* speech
$\star$ religion
* assembly
$\star$ press
* petition the government

A newspaper stand in 1941. Courtesy of the Llibrary of Congress, LC.USF346-BN-001359-C.C.

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## Question

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How many amendments does the Constitution have?
twenty-seven (27)
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What did the Declaration of Independence do?
$\star$ announced our independence (from Great Britain)
$\star$ declared our independence (from Great Britain)
$\star$ said that the United States is free (from Great Britain)

Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson in "Writing the Deciaration of independence, 1776 , by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris. Courtesy of the Library of congress, LC-USZC49904.


What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?

What is freedom of religion?

You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.
$\star$ Iffe
$\star$ Hiberty

* pursuit of happiness


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## Question

What is the economic system in the United States?*
$\star$ capitalist
economy
$\star$ market economy


What is the "rule of law"?


* Everyone must follow the law.
* Leaders must obey the law.
$\star$ Government must obey the law.
$\star$ No one is above the law.

The Contemplation of Justice statue outside the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C.
Courtesy of the
United States.
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Name one branch or part of the government.*
$\star$ legislative

* President
* executive
$\star$ the courts
夫 judicial

The U.S. Capitol (legislative branch) and the U.S. Supreme Court (judicial branch) buildings in Washington, D.C.



What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?


## Question



Who is in charge of the executive branch?
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the President
.


The White House in Washington, D.C.

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## Question

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Who makes federal laws?

$\star$ Congress

* Senate and House (of Representatives)
* (U.S. or national) legislature
fold line

Question
17


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What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?*
the Senate and House (of Representatives)


How many U.S. Senators are there?

one hundred (100)
The Senators of the 109th Congress. courtesy of the U.s. Senate Photo Studio.
fold line

## Question

We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?


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.]

Hiram Revels of Mississippi became the first African American Senator in 1870. courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-DG-ewpbh-00554.
fold line

Question
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The House of Representatives has how many voting members?


## four hundred

thirty-five (435)

President George W. Bush delivering the State of the Union Address before a joint session of Congress, January 23, 2007.

## Question

 22We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?

two (2)
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## Question

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Name your
U.S. Representative.

## Answers will <br> 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.]

Jeannette Rankin, the first
woman to be elected to the

## Question

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Who does a U.S. Senator represent?

all people of the state

## Question

Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?

* (because of) the state's population
* (because) they have more people
$\star$ (because) some states have more people



## Question

26


We elect a President for how many years?

four (4)

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## Question



In what month do we vote for President?*

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

fold line

## Question

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

$\star$ Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
$\star$ Joe Biden

* Biden


If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
the Vice President

Swearing in of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson as President aboard Air Force One following the death of President John F. Kennedy on
$\qquad$ courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Librar
and Museum, photo by Cecil Stoughton

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## Question

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If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

## Question

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Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
the Speaker of the House


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## Question



Who signs bills to become laws?

## Question

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Who vetoes bills?

the President

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## Question

## What does the President's Cabinet do?



## What are two Cabinet-level positions?

$\star$ Secretary of Agriculture
$\star$ Secretary of Commerce
$\star$ Secretary of Defense
$\star$ Secretary of Education
$\star$ Secretary of Energy

* Secretary of Health and Human Services
$\star$ Secretary of Homeland Security
* Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
$\star$ Secretary of the Interior
$\star$ Secretary of Labor
* Secretary of State
$\star$ Secretary of Transportation
$\star$ Secretary of the Treasury
* Secretary of Veterans Affairs
$\star$ Attorney General
$\star$ Vice President

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## Question

What does the judicial branch do?

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What is the highest court in the United States?


* reviews laws
$\star$ explains laws
$\star$ resolves disputes (disagreements)
* decides if a law goes against the Constitution

The Courtroom of the U.S. Supreme Court building, where the Court has sat since 1935.
sat since 1935 .
of the United States.

the Supreme
Court

West facade of the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C. courtesy of the collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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## Question

How many justices are on the Supreme Court?


> John Roberts
> (John G.
> Roberts, Jr.)


## Question

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Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
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* to print money
$\star$ to declare war
* to create an army
* to make treaties

President Woodrow Wilson asking Congress to declare war on Germany, April 2, 1917 Lcuszc4-10297

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Under our Constitution, some

* provide schooling and education
* provide protection (police)
* provide safety (fire departments)
* give a driver's license
$\star$ approve zoning and land use


Who is the Governor of your
Answers will vary. state now?
[District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. does not have a Governor.]

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.]
fold line

## Question

What are the two major political parties in the United States?*

Democratic and Republican

Democratic (donkey) and Republican (elephant) Party icons from a 1962 political cartoon urging citizens to vote.

## Question



What is the political party of the President now?


Democratic (Party)

Attendees at the 1916 Democratic
National Convention in St. Louis, MO Courtesy of the Llbary of Congress.
LC-Dia-sgbain-22021.
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## Question

What is the name of the
(Nancy) Pelosi Speaker of the House of Representatives now?


Nancy Pelosi, the first woman to serve as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
$\star$ 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).

A young woman casting her ballot in the 1964 presidential election. Courtesy of the Library of Congress LC-DIG-ppmsca.04300.


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## Question

What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?*


* serve on a jury
$\star$ vote in a federal election


## Question

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Name one right only for United States citizens.

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## Question

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

What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?

* freedom of expression
freedom of speech
* freedom of assembly
$\star$ freedom to petition the government
* freedom of worship
the right to bear arms
ttorney General Robert F. Kennedy speaking at a racial equality demonstration utside the Justice Department on une 14, 1963. curtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-DIC-ppaise:04295.



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## Question

What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?


* give up loyalty to other countries
$\star$ 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


## Question



How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?*
eighteen (18) and older


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## Question

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What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
$\star$ vote
$\star$ join a political party

* help with a campaign
$\star$ 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
$\star$ run for office
$\star$ write to a newspaper


## Question



When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?*

April 15


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## Question

When must all men register

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for the Selective Service?

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* at age eighteen (18)
$\star$ between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)

World War I draft registration card of Irving Berlin, an American composer who became a naturalized citizen in 1918. Courtesy of the National Archives.


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What is one reason colonists came to America?

* freedom
* political Hberty
* religious freedom
$\star$ economic opportunity
* practice their religion
* escape persecution

Mayflower Approaching Land," an engraving of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to Plymouth, MA in 1620. Courtesy of the Llibary of Congress, LC-USZ62.3046.

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Who lived in America before
$\star$ American Indians

Cor thics Fiash Cards the Europeans arrived?

## Question <br> 



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


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## Question

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Why did the colonists fight the British?


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

Molly Pitcher firing a cannon at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778 during the American Revolutionary War by Percy Moran. Courtesy of the Library of Congress, Lc-UsZc4-496.

## Question

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Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
(Thomas)
Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson. Copy of painting by Rembrandt Peale
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When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
n "Declaration of Independence," a painting by John Trumbull, Thomas Jefferson and his committee present the formal statement of




There were 13 original states. Name three.

* New Hampshire
$\star$ Massachusetts
$\star$ Rhode Island
$\star$ Connecticut
$\star$ New York
$\star$ New Jersey
* Pennsylvania
* Delaware
$\star$ Maryland
$\star$ Virginia
$\star$ North Carolina
$\star$ South Carolina
$\star$ Georgia
fold line


## Question

What happened at the Constitutional Convention?

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When was the Constitution written?


1787
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## Question

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The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.
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$\star$ (James) Madison
$\star$ (Alexander) Hamilton
^ (John) Jay
$\star$ Publius

Title page of The Federalist,
vol. 1, 1799.
Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC.USZ62-70508.


What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
$\star$ U.S. diplomat
$\star$ oldest member of the Constitutional Convention
$\star$ first Postmaster General of the United States
$\star$ writer of "Poor Richard's Almanac"

* started the first free libraries
"Frankin's Return to Philadeiphia, 1785," by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris,
Courtesy of the Llbrary of Congress, LC-USZC49906
fold line


## Question

Who is the "Father of Our (George) Country"? Washington


## Question

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Who was the first
President?*
(George)
Washington
"Washington Crossing the Delaware,"
by Emanuel Leutze.
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What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?

* the Louisiana Territory

夫 Louisiana

Map of the Louisiana Purchase Territory


* War of 1812
$\star$ Mexican-American War
* Civil War
* Spanish-American War
"Battle of Lake Erie," by Percy Moran, depicts a battle from the War of 1812. courtesy of the Library of Congress, Lc.uszc46893.
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## Question

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


\author{

* the Civil War <br> * the War between the States
}

FORT CY SMITH

Civil War soldiers with cannon and caisson, Fort C.F. Smith, Co. L, 2d New York Artillery. Courtesy of the Llbrary of Congress, LCCUSZ62.115177.

Name one problem that led to the Civil War.
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services


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## Question

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What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?*

* freed the slaves
(Emancipation
Proclamation)
$\star$ saved (or preserved) the Union
$\star$ led the United States during the Civil War
Abraham Lincoln.
Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC.Usz62.13016.

$\star$ freed the slaves
$\star$ freed slaves in the Confederacy
$\star$ freed slaves in the Confederate states

$\star$ freed slaves in most Southern states
"The First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation Before the Cabinet, painted by Francis Bicknell Carpenter
and engraved by A.H. Ritchic
Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-DIG-pga-0250


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## Question

What did Susan B. Anthony * fought for women's rights

* fought for civil rights


## Question <br> 78



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

* World War I
* World War II
* Korean War
* Vietnam War
$\star$ (Persian) Gulf War
"Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima," photographed by Joe Rosenthal, Associated Press, 1945.
Courtesy of the National Archives, 80-G-413988.


## Question



Who was President during World War I?


President Woodrow Wilson.


## Question



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

(Franklin)
Roosevelt
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Who did the United States fight in World War II?

Japan, Germany, and Italy

Surrender of Japan, September 2, 1945. General Douglas MacArthur signs as Supreme Allied Commander during formal surrender ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay


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Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?

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Question


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

Communism

Germans from East and West stand on the Berlin Wall in front of the Brandenburg Gate in this November 10 1989 photo, one day after the wal pened. The Berlin Wall was a symbol of the tyranny that restrained freedom throughout the Communist bloc of Eastern Europe during the Cold War. AP Images/st.


## Question

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What movement tried to end racial discrimination?

civil rights (movement)

Demonstrators at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in Washington, D.C., August 28, 1963
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## Question

What did Martin Luther King,

* fought for civil Jr. do?*


What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States?


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## Question <br> 87



Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.


## Question <br> 88



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

* Missouri (River)
* Mississippi (River)



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## Question

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


Pacific (Ocean)


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Name one U.S. territory.

* Puerto Rico
$\star$ U.S. Virgin Islands
$\star$ American Samoa
* Northern Mariana Islands
* Guam

Old Spanish Bridge in Umatac, Guam. Courtesy of the office of U.S. Representative
Madeleline Z. Bordallo.
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Name one state that borders Canada.

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## Question

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Name one state that borders Mexico.

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\begin{array}{ll}
\star \text { California } & \star \text { New Mexico } \\
\star \text { Arizona } & \star \text { Texas }
\end{array}
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## Question <br> 94



What is the capital of the United States?*



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## Question

 95

Where is the Statue of Liberty?*

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

## Question <br>  <br> Why does the flag have 13 stripes?



* because there were 13 original colonies
$\star$ because the stripes represent the original colonies
fold line

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Why does the flag have 50 stars?*


What is the name of the national anthem?

The Star-
Spangled
Banner


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



## fold.line

## Question <br> When do we celebrate Independence Day?*

July 4

Patriotic celebration at the
U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

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* New Year's Day
$\star$ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
$\star$ Presidents' Day
* Memorial Day

ぇ Independence Day

* Labor Day
* Columbus Day
$\star$ Veterans Day
$\star$ Thanksgiving
* Christmas

Atlantic Pavilion at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. © Richard Latoff.

Name two national U.S. holidays.

