# Civics Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test 

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Services

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 naturalization test. These flash cards can also be used in the classroom as an instructional tool for citizenship preparation.

IMPORTANT NOTE: On the naturalization test, some answers may change because of elections or appointments.
Applicants must te aware of the most current answers to these questions. Applicants must answer these questions with the name of the official who is senving at the time of his or her eligibility interview with Uscis. The Uscis officer will not accept an incorrect answer.


## USCIS Civics Flash Cards

The 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers for the 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 100 civics questions. An applicant must answer 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?

the Constitution

## The Constitution of the



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What does the Constitution do?

## fold.line

## Question

The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
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## We the People <br> toe the Reonle <br> "We the People," the first three words of the preamble to the Constitution of the United States.



The 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

AMENDMENT 20

* a change (to the Constitution)
$\star$ an addition (to the Constitution)
ifiled January 23,1933 ) ${ }^{\text {ction }}$ 1. The terms of the President an altion end at noon on the Representatives nail end at Senators and Represenich suct erms of January, of years had not been rat ended if this arricle had shall then begin. of their sucessors shall asse Section 2. The Congress shall shall
every year, and such meeting shall共


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## Question

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


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What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?*
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$\star$ speech

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

A newspaper stand in 1941. Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LCUSF346-BN-O01359.O.C.

## fold.line

## Question

7


How many amendments does the Constitution have?
twenty-seven (27)

Portrait of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, seated, and Susan B. Anthony, standing, advocates for the rights


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What did the Declaration of Independence do?


## fold line

## Question

What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?


## Question

What is freedom of religion?


You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.


## fold.line

## Question

What is the economic system in the United States?*


* capitalist
economy
$\star$ market economy


What is the "rule of law"?

$\star$ Everyone must follow the law.
$\star$ Leaders must obey the law.

* 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.
fold.line

## Question

Name one branch or part of the government.*
^ Congress

* legislative

夫 President

* executive
$\star$ the courts
* judicial

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


## Question

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What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

fold.line

## Question

Who is in charge of the executive branch?

the President
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## Question

Who makes federal laws?

$\star$ Congress

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

What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?*
the Senate


## How many U.S. Senators

 are there?
one hundred (100)

## fold.line

## Question

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


## Question



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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-DGG-ewpbh-00554.
fold line

## Question

21


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

22


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We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
and Immigration Services

two (2)
fold.line

## Question

23
Name your

## 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.]

## Question

24


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
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## Question

26


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We elect a President for how many years?
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four (4)

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## Question

In what month do we vote for President?*

## November



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


* Barack Obama
* Obama

Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States by Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Jr. in Washington, D.C January 20, 2009.
U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo.
fold line

## Question

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


夫 Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

* Joe Biden
* Biden

Joe Biden is sworn in as the 47th
vice president of the United States in Washington, D.C., January 20, 2009. U.S. Department of Defense photo by


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If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
the Vice President aboard Air Force One following the death of President John F. Kennedy on .aresy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Librar
and Museum, photo by Cecil Stoughton.

fold line

## Question

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

the Speaker of the House

## Question

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Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?


## fold.line

## Question

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Who signs bills to become laws?

the President

President Lyndon B. Johnson signing
President Lynion B. Joinnson sig the Immigration Act of 1965 o Liberty Island, NY.
Courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library
and Museum.


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Who vetoes bills?


## fold.line

## 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

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


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## Question

What does the judicial branch do?

$\star$ reviews laws

* explains laws
* 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.


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What is the highest court in the United States?

## fold line

## Question

How many justices are on the Supreme Court?



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Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?

John Roberts
(John G.
Roberts, Jr.)

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Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the * to print money federal government. What is

* to declare war
* to create an army one power of the federal government?



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Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?

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



## Answers will vary.

[District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. does not have a Governor.]


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.]
state now?
fold line

## Question

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

Democratic and Republican

## Question



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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.
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## fold.line

## Question

What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?


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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 the Library of congress
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## Question

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


* serve on a jury
* vote in a federal election


## Question

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Name one right only for United States citizens.

* vote in a federal election
* run for federal office


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## Question <br> 51 <br> What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?



freedom of expression

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


## Question

52


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

* the United States
$\star$ the flag

A young boy pledging allegiance at a naturalization ceremony in 1962. Courtesy of the UScIs Historic вк9.4, tem 112


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

$\star$ give up loyalty to other countries
t defend the Constitution and laws of the United States
$\star$ 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


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


## fold.line

## Question

55


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

* join a political party
* help with a campaign
* join a civic group
$\star$ 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


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


## fold.line

## Question

57


When must all men register for the Selective Service?

* at age eighteen (18)
* 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
$\star$ 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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## Question

Who lived in America before
$\star$ American Indians the Europeans arrived?

## Question <br> 



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


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## Question <br> 61 <br> Why did the colonists fight the British?



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* 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


## 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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## Question

When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

In "Declaration of Independence," a painting by John Trumbull, Thomas Jefferson and his committee present the formal statement of ndepend these fin

## Question <br> 64



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There were 13 original states. Name three.
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$\star$ New Hampshire<br>$\star$ Massachusetts<br>* Rhode Island<br>$\star$ Connecticut<br>$\star$ New York<br>$\star$ New Jersey<br>$\star$ Pennsylvania<br>* Delaware<br>* Maryland<br>$\star$ Virginia<br>$\star$ North Carolina<br>$\star$ South Carolina<br>$\star$ Georgia

fold.line

## Question

What happened at the Constitutional Convention?


* The Constitution was written.
$\star$ The Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution.
"Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States," by Howard Chandler Christy. courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USA7-34630.


## Question <br> 



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When was the Constitution written?


1787

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## Question

67


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The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.

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* (James) Madison
$\star$ (Alexander) Hamilton
^ (John) Jay
$\star$ Publius

Title page of The Federalist,
vol. 1, 1799.
courtesy of the Llbrary of Congress, Lc-usz62-70508.


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What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?

fold line

## Question

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


Who was the first President?*
(George)
Washington
"Washington Crossing the Delaware,"
by Emanuel Leutze. by Emanuel Leutze.
Courtesy of he National Archives,
NARA File \# O66-G.-150-25.


## fold line

## Question

71


What territory did the United

* the Louisiana

States buy from France in 1803?


## Question <br> 72



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Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.

* 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, LCUSZC4-6893.
fold.line


## Question

73
Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.


* the Civil War
* the War between

Civil War soldiers with cannon and caisson, Fort C.F. Smith, Co. L, 2d New York Artillery Courtesy of the Llbarary of Congress, LC-USZ62:-115177.

## Question

74
Name one problem that led to the Civil War.

* slavery
* economic reasons
* states' rights



## fold line

## Question

75


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What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?*

* freed the slaves
(Emancipation
Proclamation)
$\star$ saved (or preserved) the Union
* 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 do?
women's rights

* fought for civil rights
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## Question

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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?



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

(Franklin) Roosevelt

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signing the Declaration of War against Japan on December 8, 1941.
fold.line

## Question

Who did the United States
Japan, Germany, fight in World War II? and Italy

Surrender of Japan, September 2, 1945 General Douglas MacArthur signs as Supreme Allied Commander



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

Worid War II

fold.line

## Question

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

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
fold line

## Question

What did Martin Luther King,

* fought for civil Jr. do?*


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


United States.

## fold line

## Question

Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.


## Question <br> 88



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

* Missouri (River)
$\star$ Mississippi (River)



## fold.line

## Question <br> What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?



Pacific (Ocean)

## Question

90


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

fold.line

Question
91


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Name one U.S. territory.

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

Old Spanish Bridge in Umatac, Guam.


## Question

92


Name one state that borders Canada.


## fold line

## Question

93


Name one state that borders Mexico.
$\begin{array}{ll}\star \text { California } & \star \text { New Mexico } \\ \star \text { Arizona } & \star \text { Texas }\end{array}$

* Arizona $\quad$ t Texas




## fold.line

## Question



Where is the Statue of Liberty?*

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

## Question <br> 

Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

$\star$ because there were 13 original colonies

夫 because the stripes represent the original colonies
fold line

## Question

97
Why does the flag have 50 stars?*


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


## Question <br> 



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What is the name of the national anthem?

The Star-
Spangled
Banner

fold.line
Question
99

When do we celebrate
July 4 Independence Day?*


## Question <br> 100



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Name two national U.S. holidays.

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

* Labor Day
$\star$ Columbus Day
$\star$ Veterans Day
* Thanksgiving
$\star$ Christmas
Atlantic Pavilion at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.
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