

# **US CITIZENSHIP EXAM STUDY GUIDE**

1. The supreme law of the land is the the Constitution.
2. The Constitution is a document that details how the powers, duties, and limits of the gov't
3. The idea of self-government is in the first 3 words of the Constitution. Those 3 words are: we the people.
4. An amendment is when the constitution is changed or has something added to it.
5. The first 10 amendments to the Constitution are called the Bill of Rights.
6. One right or freedom mentioned in the first amendment is the right to free speech.
7. The Constitution has 27 amendments.
8. The Declaration of Independence announced our independence from Great Britain.
9. One right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence is the right to life.
10. Freedom of religion means: You can choose to practice any religion, or you can choose not to practice a religion
11. The economic system in the United States is a capitalist/market economy.
12. Immunity is Not part of the "rule of law".
13. The 3 branches of government are Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. Bureaucracy is not a branch of the government
14. The principle of checks and balances stops ONE branch of government from becoming too powerful.
15. The person in charge of the executive branch is the President.
16. Congress makes federal laws.
17. The two parts of Congress are the Senate and House of Representatives.
18. There are 100 US Senators.
19. US Senators are elected for 6 years.
20. One of your state senators right now is: Roy Blunt (Republican) or Claire McKaskill (Democrat)
21. The House of Representatives has how 435 voting members?
22. We elect a U.S. Representative for 2 years?
23. Name your U.S. Representative. (write their name in the space below) Lacy Clay, Ann Wagner,
24. A US Senator represents all people from the state they serve.
25. Some states have more representatives than other states because of the population of that state.

26. We elect a President for 4 years.
27. We vote for the president in the month of November.
28. The name of the current president of the United States is Donald Trump.
29. The name of the current Vice President of the United State is Michael R. Pence.
30. If the President can no longer serve, then the Vice President becomes president.
31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, then the Speaker of the House becomes President.
32. The commander in the chief of the military is the President.
33. The President must sign a bill before it becomes law.
34. The President can veto a bill as well. This means that the bill cannot become law.
35. The people who advise the president are called the Cabinet.
36. Secretary of War is not a cabinet level position.
37. The judicial branch does NOT veto laws.
38. The highest court in the United States is Supreme Court.
39. There are a total of 9 justices who serve on the supreme court.
40. The current chief justice of the supreme court is named John Roberts.
41. Under our Constitution, the power to issue teaching certificates is a State government power.
42. Under our Constitution, the power to make an army is a federal government power.
43. The current governor of Missouri is named Eri Greitens.
44. The capital city of Missouri is Jefferson City.
45. What is an example of a current MAJOR political party? Democrats
46. President Trump is a member of the Republican party.
47. The Speaker of the House of Representatives is named Paul Ryan.
48. One thing you DON'T have to have in order to vote is a college education.
49. One responsibility that requires US Citizenship is jury duty.
50. A right reserved for citizens of the United States is the right to running for federal office.

51. Free College Education is not a right of everyone living in the United States.
52. When we say the pledge of allegiance, we are pledging allegiance to the United States.
53. A promise that you do NOT make when you become a United States citizen is to learn to speak english.
54. The minimum age to vote for the President is 18.
55. One of the most common ways that Americans can participate in the democracy is by voting.
56. The deadline to submit federal income tax forms is April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
57. The more common term for Selective Service is the Draft.
58. Overthrowing their king was NOT a reason why colonists came to America.
59. Before Europeans arrived, Native Americans were already living in America.
60. People from Africa were taken to America and sold as slaves.
61. Disliking British Accents was NOT a reason why the Colonists fought the British.
62. The man who wrote the Declaration of Independence was Thomas Jefferson.
63. The Declaration of Independence was adopted on the date of July 4, 1776.
64. The state of Missouri was not one of the original 13 states.
65. At the Constitutional Convention, the Constitution was written.
66. The Constitution was written in the year 1787.
67. One of the most popular authors of the *Federalist Papers* was Alexander Hamilton.
68. One thing that Benjamin Franklin is NOT famous for is being president.
69. The "Father of Our Country" is George Washington.
70. The first President was George Washington.
71. In 1803, the United States bought the Louisiana territory from France.
72. The United States fought in a number of wars in the 1800s, but World War II was NOT one of them.
73. The war fought between the North and the South is called the Civil War.
74. Foreign aggression was NOT a problem that led to the Civil War.
75. One of the most important things Abraham Lincoln did was freeing slaves with the Emancipation Proclamation.

76. The Emancipation Proclamation freed confederate slaves.
77. Susan B. Anthony was known for fighting for womens rights.
78. One war that was not fought by the United States in the 1900s was the revolutionary war.
79. Woodrow Wilson was President during World War I.
80. The President during the Great Depression and World War II was named Franklin Roosevelt.
81. The United States fought against 3 countries in World War II, they were: Germany, Japan, Italy.
82. Before becoming President, Eisenhower was a general in World War II.
83. The main concern of the United States was Containing Communism.
84. The Civil Rights Movement movement tried to end discrimination.
85. Martin Luther King, Jr. was famous for fighting for Civil Rights.
86. On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States.
87. Joplin is not an American Indian tribe in the United States.
88. The two longest rivers in the U.S. are the Missouri and Mississippi.
89. The ocean on the East coast of the United States is the Atlantic.
90. The ocean on the West coast of the United States is the Pacific.
91. A major U.S. territory is Puerto Rico.
- 92/93. One state that borders Mexico but NOT Canada is Texas.
94. The capital of the United States is located in Washington DC.
95. The Statue of Liberty is in New York.
96. The U.S. flag has 13 stripes to represent 13 Colonies.
97. The U.S. flag has 50 stars to represent 50 states.
98. The name of the our national anthem is The Star Spangled Banner.
99. Independence Day is celebrated on July 4.
100. Boxing Day is not a national holiday in the United States.