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A Series of tests about American History and Government

- The MO Civics Initiative is a state law that requires students to demonstrate knowledge about American History and Government.
- The state of Missouri requires that all high school students pass a test of U.S. citizenship.
- There are 100 questions. These are the same questions that are on the U.S. citizenship test taken by immigrants who become citizens.

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- The test will be divided into five 20-question tests.
- First test due by Thursday October 22.

- Due Dates:
  - MO Civics Test #1 Thursday, Oct.22
  - MO Civics Test #2
  - MO Civics Test #3
  - MO Civics Test #4
  - MO Civics Test #5

- Thursday, Oct. 29
- Thursday, Nov. 05
- Thursday, Nov. 12
- Thursday, Nov. 19

# #1. What is the supreme law of the land?

#### • The Constitution

• The U.S. Constitution is the Supreme law of the land.

• It is the highest law.

• The Constitution is the most important law.

#2. What does the Constitution do?

- Sets up the government
- Defines the government
- Protects basic rights of Americans

• The Constitution is the law that organizes the government of the USA and it also protects our rights.

## **#3.** What are the first three words of the U.S. Constitution?



- These words show the idea of self-government in the USA.
- From the preamble (introduction) to the Constitution.
- "We the people ... establish this constitution...."

## #4. What is an amendment?

• A change or addition to the Constitution.

• The Constitution can be amended, or changed.

• To amend = to change

#5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

• The Bill of Rights

• The first ten amendments are the Bill of Rights.

• The Bill of Rights is a list of rights that are protected.

**#6.** What rights or freedoms are listed in the first amendment?

- Speech
- Religion
- Assembly (People can assemble in groups.)
- Press (the news media)
- Petition the government (We can ask the government to make changes.)

**#7. How** many amendments does the Constitution have?

- Twenty-seven (27)
- The Constitution was ratified in 1789. Since that time, we have only made 27 amendments.

# **#8.** What did the Declaration of Independence do?

#### Announced our independence from the England

#9. What are three rights in the Declaration of Independence? Life

#### Liberty (freedom)

Pursuit of happiness (we can work to make ourselves happy)

# #10. What is freedom of religion?

• You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion. #11. What is the economic system in the U.S.?

- Capitalist economy
- Market economy

 In the USA, businesses are owned by people, not by the government.

### #12. What is the "rule of law"?

- Everyone must follow the law.
- Leaders must obey the law.
- Government must obey the law.
- No one is above the law.

• We are ruled by laws. We are NOT ruled by a king.

#### #13. Name the two longest rivers in the U.S.



- Mississippi River
- Missouri River

## **#14.** What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?

#### Pacific Ocean

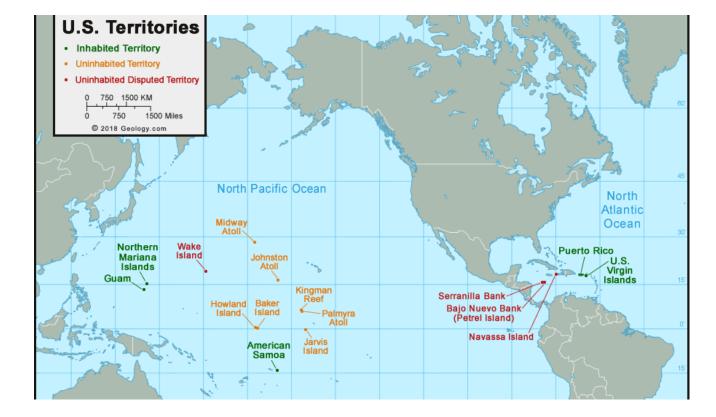


## **#15.** What ocean is on the east coast of the United States?

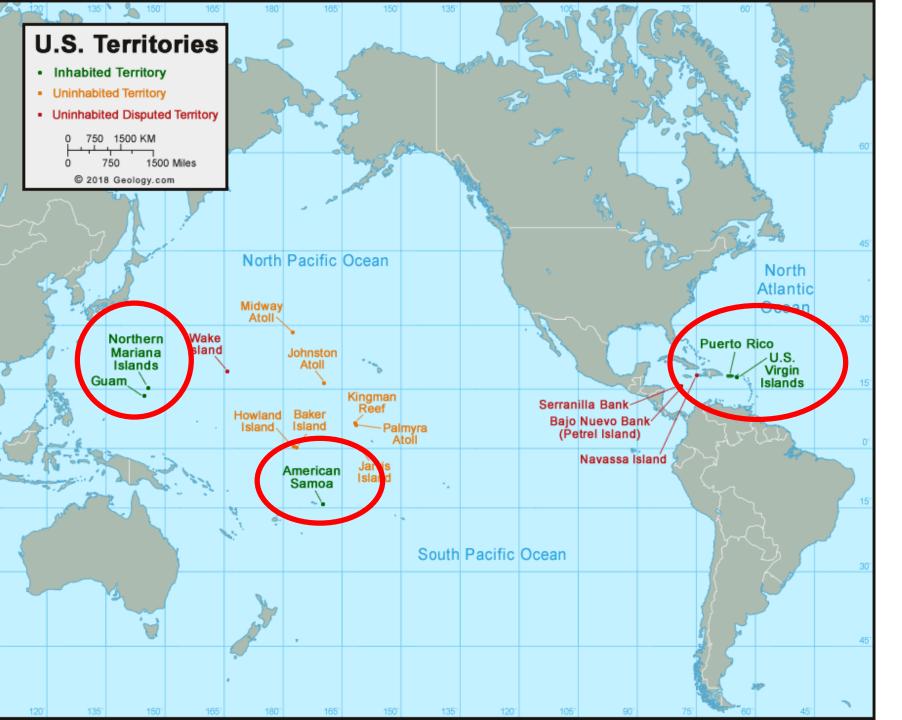


#### • Atlantic Ocean

#### **#16.** Name the U.S. territories.



- Puerto Rico
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- American Samoa
- Northern Mariana Islands
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#### #17. Name the states that border Canada

- Maine
- New Hampshire
- Vermont
- New York

- Pennsylvania
- Ohio
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- North Dakota

- Montana
- Idaho
- Washington
- Alaska

#### #18. Name the states that border Mexico.

- California
- Arizona
- New Mexico
- Texas



#### #19. What is the capital of the USA?



#### #20. Where is the Statue of Liberty?



• Liberty Island in New York Harbor