



# **CIVICS STUDY GUIDE #4**

**MISSOURI CIVICS INITIATIVE TESTING**

# The Missouri Civics Education Initiative

- **The Missouri Civics Education Initiative** requires high school students to pass an examination on the provisions and principles of American civics.
- The law states that the examination shall consist of 100 questions similar to the one hundred questions used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on the naturalization exam. The full text of the law can be found at <http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/pdf-bill/tat/SB638.pdf>.
- We comply with this state law through a series of five tests. This study guide includes 21 questions regarding Rights and Responsibilities, Recent American History and Other Important Historical Information.
- This study guide is for Civics Test #4. After studying this study guide, you must complete Civics Initiative Test #4.

# #1

## There are four amendments about who can vote. Describe them.

- 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment – All male citizens can vote
- 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Women can vote
- 24<sup>th</sup> Amendment – You don't have to pay to vote (No Poll Tax)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Voting Age is 18

# #2

## What are two responsibilities only for United States citizens?

- Serve on a jury
  - Vote in a federal election
- Two responsibilities only for U.S. Citizens are to serve on a jury and to vote in federal elections.

# #3

## Name two rights that require U.S. citizenship.

- Vote in a federal election
  - Run for federal office
- Two rights that require U.S. citizenship are voting in federal elections and running for office.

# #4

## List three rights of everyone living in the United States.

(suggested answers)

- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of assembly
- Freedom to petition the government
- The right to bear arms

Some of rights enjoyed by all people living in the U.S. are freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of assembly.

# #5

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

- the United States
- the flag
  
- When we say the Pledge of Allegiance, we show loyalty to the United States.

# #6

## What promises are made by people who become U.S. citizens?

- Give up loyalty to other countries
- Defend the Constitution and laws of the U.S.
- Obey the laws of the United States
- Serve in the U.S. military (if needed)
- Be loyal to the United States



# #7

## How old do citizens have to be to vote for president?

- Eighteen (18) and older
- A citizen must be 18 years old or older to vote for president.

# #8

## What are some ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?

(suggested answers)

- Vote
- Join a political party
- Help with a campaign
- Run for office
- Call or write to Senators and Representatives

# #9

## When is the deadline for sending in federal tax forms each year?

- April 15
- The deadline for filing federal tax forms is April 15.

# #10

## When must all men register for the Selective Service?

- At age eighteen (18)
- Between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)
- All men aged 18 to 26 living in the U.S. are required to register with Selective Service.

Note: The Selective Service system is the government agency responsible for registering men for a military draft should one be needed. Almost all men age 18-25 who are citizens or immigrants living in the US. are required to be registered with Selective Service.

# #11

## Why did the colonists come to America?

- Freedom
- Political liberty
- Religious freedom
- Economic opportunity
- Escape persecution

# #12

## Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

- American Indians
- Native Americans

# #13

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

- Africans
- People from Africa were taken to America and sold as slaves.

# #14

## Why did the colonists fight the British?

- Because of taxation without representation
- Because they didn't have self-government and wanted independence



# #15

## Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

- Thomas Jefferson
- Thomas Jefferson was the main author of the Declaration of Independence.

# #16

## When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

- July 4, 1776
- The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776.

# #17

## Name at least three of the original 13 states.

- New Hampshire
- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- Connecticut
- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Delaware
- Maryland
- Virginia
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Georgia

# #18

## What happened at the Constitutional Convention?

- The Constitution was written.
- The Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution.

# #19

## When was the Constitution written?

- 1787
- The U.S. Constitution was written in 1787.

# #20

## What were the Federalist Papers?

- The Federalist Papers were articles written to support the passage of the U.S. Constitution.

# #21

## Name one of the writers of the Federalist Papers.

- James Madison
- Alexander Hamilton
- John Jay