

Missouri Civics Education Initiative -- Study Guide #4

The Missouri Civics Education Initiative requires any student entering 9th grade 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 will comply with state law with a series of five 20-question tests. This study guide includes 20 of the USCIS questions regarding Rights and Responsibilities, Recent American History and Other Important Historical Information.

61. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.

- 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).

62. What are two responsibilities that is only for United States citizens?

- serve on a jury
- vote in a federal election

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

- vote in a federal election
- run for federal office

64. What are three rights of everyone living in the United States?

- freedom of expression
- freedom of speech
- freedom of assembly
- freedom to petition the government
- freedom of religion
- the right to bear arms

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

- the United States
- the flag

66. What are two promises you make when you become a United States citizen?

- give up loyalty to other countries
- 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

67. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?

- eighteen (18) and older

68. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?

- vote
- join a political party
- help with a campaign
- 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
- run for office
- write to a newspaper

69. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms each year?

- April 15

70. When must all men register for the Selective Service?

- at age eighteen (18)
- between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)

71. What is one reason colonists came to America?

- freedom
- political liberty
- religious freedom
- economic opportunity
- practice their religion
- escape persecution

72. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

- American Indians
- Native Americans

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

- Africans
- people from Africa

74. Why did the colonists fight the British?

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

75. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

- (Thomas) Jefferson

76. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

- July 4, 1776

77. There were 13 original states. Name three.

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

78. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?

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

79. When was the Constitution written?

- 1787

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

- James Madison
- Alexander Hamilton
- John Jay
- Publius