

ANSWERS

1. Red, white and blue
2. 50
3. White
4. One for each state in the Union
5. 13
6. Red and white
7. They represent the 13 original states
8. 50
9. Independence Day
10. July 4
11. England
12. England
13. George Washington
14. George W. Bush
15. Dick Cheney
16. The Electoral College
17. Vice President
18. Four years
19. The supreme law of the land
20. Yes
21. Amendments
22. 27
23. Three
24. Legislative, Executive and Judicial
25. Congress
26. Congress
27. The Senate and the House of Representatives
28. To make laws
29. The people
30. 100
31. (Variable)
32. Six years
33. 435
34. Two years
35. The president, Cabinet and departments under the Cabinet members
36. The Supreme Court
37. To interpret laws
38. The Constitution
39. The first 10 amendments to the Constitution
40. (Variable)
41. (Variable)
42. Speaker of the House of Representatives
43. William Rehnquist
44. CT, NH, NY, NJ, MA, PA, DE, VA, NC, SC, GA, RI and MD
45. Patrick Henry
46. Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, China, France
47. Alaska
48. 2
49. A civil rights leader
50. (Variable)
51. Must be a natural-born U.S. citizen; must be at least 35 years old by the time he/she will serve; must have lived in the U.S. for at least 14 years.
52. Two from each state
53. The president
54. Nine
55. For religious freedom
56. Governor

57. Mayor
58. Thanksgiving
59. Thomas Jefferson
60. July 4, 1776
61. That all men are created equal
62. "The Star-Spangled Banner"
63. Francis Scott Key
64. The Bill of Rights
65. 18
66. The president
67. The Supreme Court
68. Abraham Lincoln
69. Freed many slaves
70. The Cabinet
71. George Washington
72. Hawaii
73. The American Indians
74. The Mayflower
75. Colonies
76. 1) The right of freedom of speech, press, religion, peaceable assembly and requesting change of government. 2) The right to bear arms. 3) The government may not quarter, or house, soldiers in private homes during peacetime without the owners' consent. 4) The government may not search or take a person's property without a warrant. 5) A person may not be tried twice by the same jurisdiction for the same crime and cannot be forced to testify against him/herself. 6) A person charged with a crime still has many rights, including the right to have a trial and be represented by a lawyer. 7) The right to jury trial by his/her peers in most cases. 8) Protects people against excessive or unreasonable fines or cruel and unusual punishment. 9) The people have rights other than those mentioned in the Constitution. 10) Any power not given to the federal government by the Constitution is a power reserved for either the states or the people.
77. The Congress
78. 15th, 19th, 24th and 26th
79. Abraham Lincoln
80. 1787
81. The Bill of Rights
82. For countries to discuss world problems; to provide economic aid to countries; occasionally take action.
83. In the Capitol in Washington D.C.
84. Everyone (citizens and non-citizens living in the United States).
85. The Preamble
86. Vote for the candidate of your choice; travel with a U.S. passport; serve on a jury; apply for federal employment opportunities, etc.
87. The right to vote
88. The place where Congress meets
89. The president's official residence
90. Washington, D.C. (1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)
91. The White House
92. Freedom of: speech, press, religion, peaceable assembly, and requesting changes in the government
93. The president
94. George Washington
95. November
96. January
97. There is no limit
98. There is no limit
99. Democratic and Republican
100. Betsy Ross


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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICAN HISTORY

How much do YOU know about American history and government?

Test your knowledge of American history by answering some of the same questions immigrants are asked when they take the exam to become citizens.

Here is a list of 100 questions on American history and government that Immigration and Naturalization Services would choose from the citizenship exam.

To pass, a citizen applicant must get either 7 of 10 questions correct, or 12 of 20. I think you'll find many of the questions are easy, especially if you've been a citizen all your life and paid attention during your school civics classes, but I'm sure there are a few of them that will challenge you. Take the test and find out!

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QUESTIONS

1. What are the colors of our flag?

2. How many stars are there on our flag? _____
3. What color are the stars on our flag?

4. What do the stars on the flag mean?

5. How many stripes are there on the flag? _____
6. What color are the stripes? _____
7. What do the stripes on the flag mean?

8. How many states are there in the Union? _____
9. Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July?

10. What is the date of Independence Day?

11. Independence from whom? _____
12. What country did we fight during the Revolutionary War? _____
13. Who was the first President?

14. Who is president today?

15. Who is vice president today?

16. Who elects the president of the United States?

17. Who becomes our president if the president should die? _____
18. For how long do we elect the president?

19. What is the Constitution?

20. Can the Constitution be changed? _____
21. What do we call changes to the Constitution?

22. How many changes or amendments are there to the Constitution? _____
23. How many branches are there in our government?

24. What are the three branches of our government?

25. What is the legislative branch of our government? _____
26. Who makes federal laws? _____
27. What is Congress? _____
28. What are the duties of Congress?

29. Who elects Congress? _____
30. How many senators are there in Congress?

31. Can you name the senators from your state?

32. For how long do we elect each senator? _____
33. How many voting members are in the House of Representatives? _____
34. For how long do we elect the representatives?

35. What is the Executive branch of our government?

36. What is the Judiciary branch of our government?

37. What are the duties of the Supreme Court?

38. What is the supreme law of the United States?

39. What is the Bill of Rights?

40. What is the capital of your state?

41. Who is the governor of your state?

42. Who becomes president if both the president and the vice president die? _____
43. Who is chief justice of the Supreme Court?

44. Can you name the 13 original states?

45. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death?"

46. Which countries were our allies during World War II? _____
47. What is the 49th state added to our Union?

48. How many full terms can a president serve? _____
49. Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.? _____
50. Who is the head of your local government?

51. According to the Constitution, a person must meet certain requirements in order to be eligible to become president. Name one.

52. Why are there 100 senators in the U.S. Senate?

53. Who nominates judges of the Supreme Court?

54. How many Supreme Court justices are there?

55. Why did the Pilgrims come to America?

56. What is the head executive of a state government called? _____
57. What is the head executive of a city government called? _____
58. What holiday was celebrated for the first time by the American colonists? _____
59. Who was the main writer of the Declaration of Independence? _____
60. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

61. What is the basic belief of the Declaration of Independence? _____
62. What is our national anthem? _____
63. Who wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner?"

64. Where does freedom of speech come from?

65. What is the minimum voting age? _____
66. Who signs bills into law? _____
67. What is the highest court in the United States? _____
68. Who was president during the Civil War?

69. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

70. What special group advises the president?

71. Which president is called the "Father of Our Country"? _____
72. What is the 50th state of the Union?

73. Who helped the Pilgrims in America?

74. What is the name of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America? _____
75. What were the 13 original states of the United States called? _____
76. Name three rights or freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

77. Who has the power to declare war?

78. Name one amendment that guarantees or addresses voting rights.

79. Which president freed the slaves? _____
80. In what year was the Constitution written?

81. What are the first 10 amendments to the Constitution called? _____
82. Name one purpose of the United Nations.

83. Where does Congress meet? _____
84. Whose rights are guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights? _____
85. What is the introduction to the Constitution called? _____
86. Name one benefit of being a citizen of the United States. _____
87. What is the most important right granted to U.S. citizens? _____
88. What is the United States Capitol?

89. What is the White House? _____
90. Where is the White House located?

91. What is the president's official home?

92. Name one right guaranteed by the First amendment. _____
93. Who is the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Army and Navy? _____
94. Which president was the first commander in chief of the U.S. Army and Navy?

95. In what month do we vote for president?

96. In what month is the new president inaugurated?

97. How many times may a senator be re-elected?

98. How many times may a congressman be re-elected? _____
99. What are the two major political parties in the United States today?

100. Who designed the American flag?
