Pathway to U.S. Citizenship

For an adult immigrant to become a U.S. citizen, he or she must go through the process of naturalization. GENERAL requirements for naturalization call for the immigrant to:

Take an oath of allegiance to the Be at least 18 years old at the time of filing the Application for **Naturalization (Form N-400)**

United States

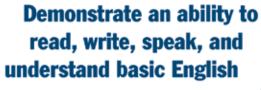


Be a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States

Demonstrate a basic knowledge of U.S. history, government, and civic principles

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At the time of filing the application, have been a permanent resident in the **United States for at least** 5 years (or for at least 3 years if you meet all eligibility requirements to file as a spouse of a **United States citizen)**







Receive a **Certificate of Naturalization**



mave demonstrated

Have demonstrated continuous permanent residence

Demonstrate an attachment to the principles and ideals of the U.S. Constitution

> **Have demonstrated** good moral character



physical presence

Have lived within the State or **USCIS** District for at least 3 months prior to filing

Prepare for the Naturalization Test

What should I expect at my naturalization interview?

At your naturalization interview, you will be required to answer questions about your application and background. A USCIS Officer will test your ability to read, write, speak, and understand English (unless you are exempt from the English requirements). You will also be given a civics

knowledge and understanding of U.S. history and government. You will be given two opportunities to take the English and civics tests and to answer all questions relating to your Form

test in English to test your

N-400, Application for Naturalization, in English. If you fail any of the tests during your initial interview, you will be retested on the portion of the test that you failed (English or civics) between 60 and 90 days from the date of your initial interview.

Applicants who are age 65 or older and have been a permanent resident for at least 20 years at the time of filing Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, are only required to study 20 of the 100 civics test questions for the naturalization test. These questions are flagged with an asterisk (*) in this brochure.

For information on exceptions or modifications to the English and civics requirements for naturalization, see "Exceptions and Accommodations" available at uscis.gov/citizenship.

Study Materials for the Naturalization Test

What study materials are available and how can I find English language, civics, and/or citizenship classes?

The USCIS Office of Citizenship has developed a variety of study materials for the naturalization test. These materials include Civics Flash Cards, Vocabulary Flash Cards, Learn About the United States: Quick Civics Lessons, The USCIS Naturalization Interview and Test video, and translated versions of the 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers. All materials are available on the Citizenship Resource Center at uscis.gov/citizenship.

- Learn About the United States: Quick Civics Lessons As you prepare for U.S. citizenship, this booklet will help you study for the civics and English portions of the naturalization test. Learn About the United States contains short lessons based on each of the 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers.
- Civics Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test Another option to help you study is the Civics Flash Cards. With historical photos and informative captions, the Civics Flash Cards cover each of the 100 civics (history and
- Vocabulary Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test These easy-to-use flash cards contain vocabulary words to help you study for the English reading and writing portions of the naturalization test.

government) questions and answers.

• The USCIS Naturalization Interview and Test (DVD) This video provides an overview of the naturalization process including eligibility requirements, the application process, the naturalization interview, and the naturalization test.

Other Helpful USCIS Resources



USCIS offers a number of resources to help you find information on eligibility and testing requirements, the application process, and study materials. You can also learn more about citizenship rights and responsibilities and find a free

information session in your area.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) The government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States. Visit this website for information related to

immigration. uscis.gov

uscis.gov/n-400

Citizenship Resource Center

Provides learners, teachers, and organizations with a one-stop resource for locating citizenship preparation materials. uscis.gov/citizenship

A Guide to Naturalization

Offers a comprehensive overview of the naturalization application and interview process.

uscis.gov/natzguide Form N-400, Application for Naturalization Use this form to apply for U.S. citizenship.

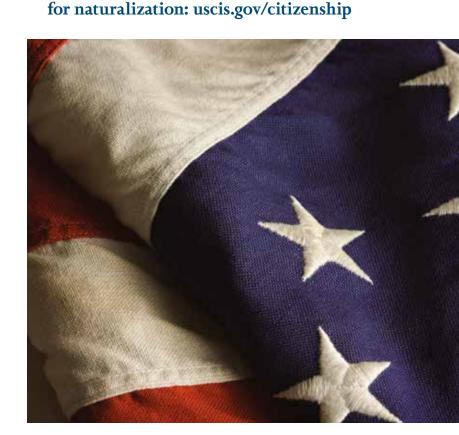
Naturalization Information Sessions

USCIS regularly holds free information sessions for the public on naturalization eligibility requirements, the naturalization process, and the naturalization test. Find a session in your area: uscis.gov/citizenshipsessions

★ Form N-400: uscis.gov/n-400

★ USCIS Forms Line: 1 800 870 3676

- ★ USCIS Customer Service: 1 800 375 5283
- ★ Learn more about specific eligibility requirements



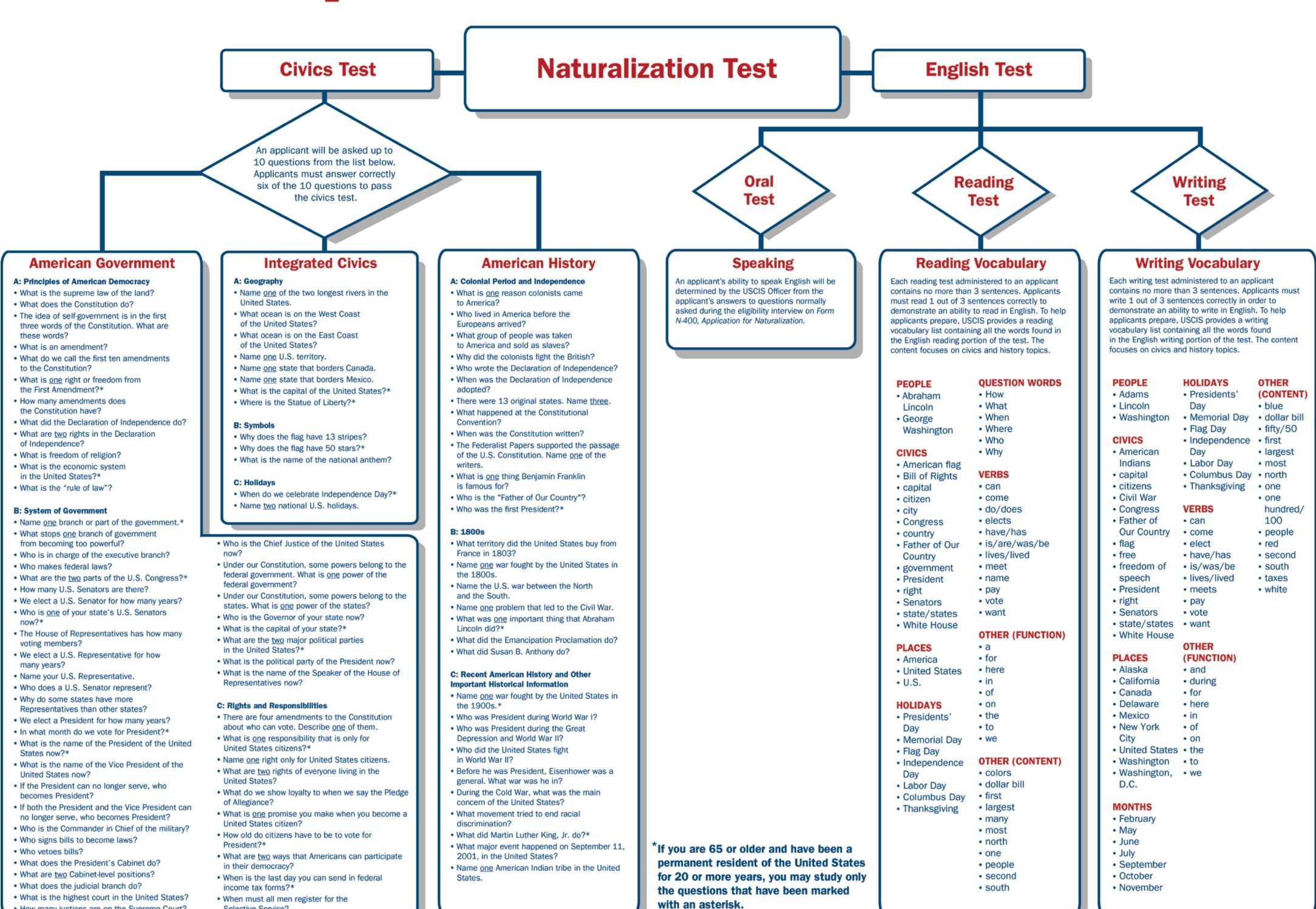
The Naturalization Test

Overview of Requirements and **Available Resources**





Components of the Naturalization Test



How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

Selective Service?