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US Citizen's Test

Estimated play time: Varies

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad.

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

Becoming a citizen of the United States often takes a long time. As part of the process, people who apply for citizenship are given a test to demonstrate their “knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of the history, and of the principles and form of government of the United States.” Applicants are asked ten questions, and they must get six of them correct to qualify for citizenship.

Over the next two or three weeks, we'll post quizzes containing ten questions taken directly from the US citizenship test. Not long ago, *Newsweek* gave this test to 1,000 American citizens – only 62% passed. Let's see how you do!

Instructions:

No scoring – just have fun!

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1. What is the supreme law of the land?
2. What are the first three words of the Constitution?
3. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
4. What phrase describes the way in which one branch of government is stopped from becoming too powerful?
5. Who is one of your state's current US senators?
6. What is the name of the current vice president of the United States?
7. Who is the governor of your state now?
8. What is one (of five) main reasons that colonists came to America?
9. Name two (of four) states that border Mexico.
10. How many stars does the US flag currently have?

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ANSWERS

1. The Constitution
2. "We the people ..."
3. It declared the American colonies' independence from Great Britain.
4. Separation of powers, or checks and balances
5. Obviously, the answer will vary by state. Players in Washington DC or a US territory (such as Puerto Rico) should answer "None."
6. Kamala Harris
7. Again, the answer will vary by state.
8. Freedom, political liberty, religious freedom, economic opportunity, to escape persecution.
9. Arizona, California, New Mexico, Texas
10. Fifty – one for each state