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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.

This is the third quiz we’ve posted containing ten questions taken directly from the US citizenship test. *Newsweek* Magazine recently gave this test to 1,000 American citizens. Only 62% of them passed. Let’s see how you do!

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Show the first image. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a player/team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year’s blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the others may ‘buzz’ in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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1. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
2. What is one right (or freedom) guaranteed by the First Amendment?
3. How many US Senators are there?
4. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
5. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
6. Name one issue (of three) that led to the Civil War.
7. Who was President during World War I?
8. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
9. Name the two longest rivers in the United States.
10. Name one (of five) US territories.

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ANSWERS

1. The Bill of Rights
2. Speech, religion, assembly, press, to petition the government
3. 100 (2 from each state)
4. The Speaker of the House
5. July 4, 1776
6. Slavery, economic reasons, states' rights
7. Woodrow Wilson
8. Communism
9. Missouri and Mississippi
10. American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands