



## CITIZEN TEST

Naturalized citizens are not born in the United States or its territories. They become citizens by fulfilling certain requirements. A requirement is something needed. What are some requirements to become a naturalized citizen?

One must be at least 18 years old. One must have good moral character. If one is moral, one is good. One does not commit crimes or hurt others. One must have lived in the United States for at least five years. One must pass two tests. One test is an English test. The other is a civics test. The civics test is on American history and government.

Not all people have to meet these requirements. Sometimes there are exceptions. Children can be naturalized. They do not have to be 18 years old. They can be naturalized if their parents apply for them. Sometimes older people do not have to learn English. Exceptions are made case by case.

Which president is called "the father of our country"? How many senators are in Congress? What is the capital of your state? Where is the White House located? What do the stars on our flag mean? These five questions are from a list of 96 questions. The list is for the civics test. People can use the list to study for the test. The test they take will not have all 96 questions. The test will only have some of the 96 questions.

What are the answers to the sample questions? The first answer is George Washington. He is the "father of our country." The second answer is 100. We have 50 states. We have two senators from each state. This means we have 100 senators. There are 50 answers to the third question! Each state has a different capital. The answer to the fourth question is Washington, D.C. Our White House is located there. The last question is about our flag. There are 50 stars on the flag. Each star stands for a state. How did you do on the questions? Did you know about our government?

### STORY QUESTIONS

1. This story is mainly about . . .
  - a. who is a citizen.
  - b. the United States.
  - c. requirements for some citizens.
  - d. what to study for tests.
2. How many questions are on the study list for the civics test?
  - a. 18
  - b. 50
  - c. 100
  - d. 96
3. What question would most likely be on a civics test?
  - a. Who elects the president of the United States?
  - b. What ocean is the biggest ocean?
  - c. Do you know who invented the first car?
  - d. How old are you?
4. How can a child become a naturalized citizen?
  - a. Children cannot become naturalized citizens.
  - b. The child learns to speak English.
  - c. The child is born in the United States or its territories.
  - d. The child's parents apply for the child to become a citizen.