
Citizenship

Level 1

Overview

This class is intended to help you pass your naturalization interview so that you can become a United States Citizen. Each week we will learn American history, culture, and government. We will work on reading, writing, and speaking in English. We expect that students will attend each class and will study on your own to learn the material. We will also practice your interview so you will be well prepared.

Objectives

Learn the 100 civics questions

Read in English

Write in English

Speak in English

Understand the interview process and the terms in the N-400

Activities

Week 1- Registration and Introductions

Week 2- Geography

Week 3- Pilgrims

Week 4- Colonies

Week 5- Thomas Jefferson; Declaration of Independence

Week 6- George Washington

Week 7- Constitution

Week 8- Bill of Rights

Week 9- Government Overview

Week 10- Executive Branch

Week 11- Legislative Branch

Week 12- Judicial Branch

Week 13- History 1800s

Week 14- History- 1900s to current

Week 15- Civil Rights

Week 16- Rights and Responsibilities / Oath of Allegiance

Week 17- Symbols and Holidays

Week 18 and on- 100 Q and interview practice

(mid-Feb)

Citizenship Level 2

Overview

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Objectives

Learn the 100 civics questions

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Speak in English

Understand the interview process and the terms in the N-400

Activities

Week1- Registration and Introductions

Week2- Geography

Week3- Colonies; Establishing Independence

Week 4- Constitution & Bill of Rights

Week5- History – the 1800's –

Week 6- History- the 1900's to current

Week 7- Government Overview; Executive Branch

Week 8- Government- Legislative and Judicial Branches

Week 9- Citizenship- Rights and Responsibilities / Oath of Allegiance

Week 10- American Symbols and Holidays / Pledge of Allegiance

Before Christmas

Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens

Voting is one important right and responsibility of U.S. citizens.

Another right of all citizens is running for federal office.

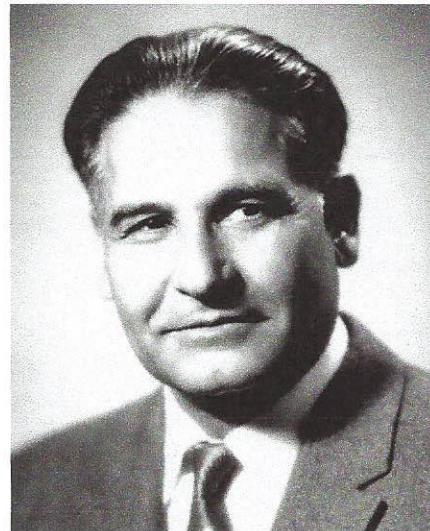
Many naturalized citizens are elected to federal office.

However, to be president or vice president, you must be a natural-born United States citizen.

One responsibility of all citizens is to serve on a jury.

This means that you can help decide the result of a court case.

Only citizens can serve on a jury.



U.S. Representative Dalip Singh Saund was born in India. He served in Congress from 1957 to 1962.

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The jury box in the Howard M. Metzenbaum U.S. Courthouse, Cleveland, Ohio. Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-DIG-highsm-10671.

Rights and Responsibilities of U.S. Citizens

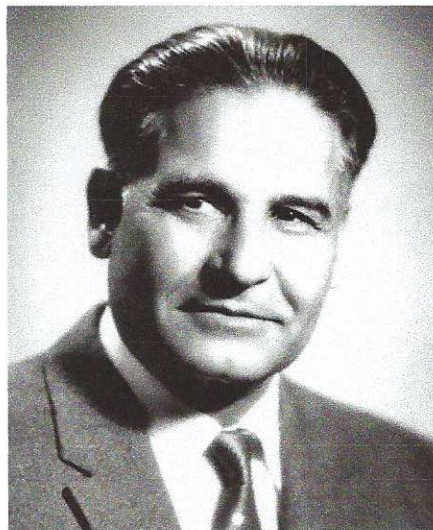


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There are two important responsibilities that are only for U.S. citizens: to vote in federal elections and to serve on a jury. A jury is a group of citizens in a courtroom that listens to a trial. The jury decides the outcome of a trial. If a citizen gets a court letter to serve on a jury, the person must go. Another responsibility of citizens is voting. The law does not require citizens to vote, but voting is a very important part of any democracy. By voting, citizens are participating in the democratic process. Citizens vote for leaders to represent them and their ideas, and the leaders support the citizens' interests.

There are two special rights only for U.S. citizens: voting in federal elections and running for federal office. Many naturalized citizens

have been elected as U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives. In order to run for the Senate, a candidate must have been a U.S. citizen for at least 9 years. To run for the House of Representatives, a candidate must have been a U.S. citizen for at least 7 years. To run for president of the United States, a candidate must be a natural born (not naturalized) citizen.



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Answer these Civics Test questions.

1. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens? _____
2. Name one right only for United States citizens. _____