

100 History and Civics Questions

1. Name one state that borders Canada.
2. Name one state that borders Mexico.
3. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?
4. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?
5. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.
6. ***What is the capital of the United States?***
7. ***Where is the Statue of Liberty?***
8. Name one U.S. territory.
9. ***Why does the flag have fifty stars?***
10. Why does the flag have thirteen stripes?
11. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
12. ***Name one branch or part of the government.***
13. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

15. Who makes federal laws?

16. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?

17. How many U.S. senators are there?

18. Who does a U.S. senator represent?

19. We elect a U.S. senator for how many years?

20. Who is one of your state's U.S. senators now?

JOHN CORNYN TED CRUZ

21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?

22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?

23. Name your U. S. Representative.

MAC THORNBERRY

24. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?

NANCY PELOSI

25. Why do some states have more representatives than other states?

26. Who is the Commander-in-Chief of the military?

27. Who signs bills to become laws?

28. Who vetoes bills?

29. We elect a President for how many years?

30. In what month do we vote for President?

31. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

32. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

33. What is the name of the President of the United States now?

34. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?

35. What does the President's Cabinet do?

36. What are two Cabinet-level positions?

37. What does the judicial branch do?

38. What is the highest court in the United States?

39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

40. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?

41. What is the "rule of law"?

42. What is the economic system in the United States?

43. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?

44. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?
45. Who is the Governor of your state now?
GREG ABBOTT
- 46. What is the capital of your state?**
AUSTIN
47. What is the supreme law of the land?
48. What does the Constitution do?
49. What is an amendment?
50. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
- 51. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?**
52. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
53. What is freedom of religion?
54. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
55. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
56. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.
57. What is one reason colonists came to America?

58. Why did the colonists fight the British?

59. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

60. What did the Declaration of Independence do?

61. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

62. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?

63. *When do we celebrate Independence Day?*

64. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?

65. When was the Constitution written?

66. There were thirteen original states. Name three.

67. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.

68. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?

69. *Who was the first President?*

70. Who is the *Father of Our Country*?

71. What is the name of the national anthem?

72. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?

73. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800's.
74. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.
75. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.
76. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
- 77. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?**
78. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
79. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
- 80. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?**
81. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
82. Who was President during World War I?
83. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?
84. Who did the United States fight during World War II?
85. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?
86. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
- 87. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900's.**

88. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?

89. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?

90. What major event happened on September 11th, 2001, in the United States?

91. Name two national U. S. holidays.

92. What is the political party of the President now?

93. What are the two major political parties in the United States?

94. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?

95. Name one right only for United States citizens.

96. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?

97. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?

98. When must all men register for the Selective Service?

99. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?

100. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?