

Citizenship: Research Guide

Questions adapted from SAS in Schools Activity

Part 1: The Process of Naturalization

Review the websites and then answer the following questions.

1. What are the two ways most people can become United States citizens?
2. What is naturalization?
3. What are the requirements for naturalization?
4. In your opinion are the requirements too easy, too hard, or acceptable? Explain.
5. In your own words, describe what you think the government means by "good moral character" and "favorable disposition (loyal) to the United States?"
6. Is it "fair" to require English to become a citizen? Why or why not?

Part 2: The Naturalization Test

Applicants for citizenship must **verbally** answer up to ten civics and history questions during the naturalization examination. Review the naturalization test to answer the following questions.

1. Record an example of what you consider an easy question from the test.
2. Record an example of what you consider a hard question from the test.
3. In your opinion, do these questions seem fair to ask someone applying for United States citizenship? Explain why or why not.

Part 3: Additional Test Questions

1. Besides demonstrating knowledge of civics and history, what else should people applying for citizenship know about the United States or about living in the United States?
2. Create at least 2 additional questions that you think should be included on the naturalization test.

