

The following questions are from the 100 items in the civics test developed by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Immigrants seeking to become naturalized American citizens are required to correctly answer a selection of questions from the test.

**Answer the following questions to check your civics knowledge.**

1. What did the Declaration of Independence do?

---

2. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

---

3. Who signs bills to become laws?

---

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

---

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

---

6. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

---

7. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

---

8. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.

---

9. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.

---

10. Name two national U.S. holidays.

---

1. announced our independence (from Great Britain); declared our independence (from Great Britain); said that the United States is free (from Great Britain)
2. checks and balances; separation of powers
3. the President
4. Democratic and Republican
5. vote; join a political party; help with a campaign; join a civic group; join a community group; give an elected official your opinion on an issue; call Senators and Representatives; publicly support or oppose an issue or policy; run for office; write to a newspaper
6. (Thomas) Jefferson
7. freed the slaves; freed slaves in the Confederacy; freed slaves in the Confederate states; freed slaves in most Southern states
8. World War I; World War II; Korean War; Vietnam War; (Persian) Gulf War
9. Missouri (River); Mississippi (River)
10. New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving; Christmas

**SOURCE: USCIS Civics (History and Government) Questions for the Naturalization Test**

For some items, USCIS provides more than one correct answer.



**Core Knowledge®**

**[www.coreknowledge.org](http://www.coreknowledge.org)**