



# THE GREAT AMERICAN AWARD

*This challenge goes out to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students all over America. Join the elite club of students who will meet the requirements and earn this **prestigious/distinguished** award during the 2022- 2023 school year.*

## **Reward:**

## **Requirements:**

- Match the **50 states and capitals** on a written test
- Identify the **50 states on a map**
- Recite the ***Gettysburg Address*** from memory
- Recite, in order, the presidents of the United States
- Write the **Pledge of Allegiance** by memory, in cursive
- Recite or sing the first verse of the ***Star-Spangled Banner***
- Recite the **Preamble to the Constitution**
- Correctly answer all 100 questions on the U.S. citizenship test
- All of the above must be completed and verified by May 3, 2023

Further information regarding the requirements can be found in this packet and online at [www.heritage.com](http://www.heritage.com).

# 50 STATES AND CAPITALS

**Alabama** – Montgomery

**Alaska** – Juneau

**Arizona** – Phoenix

**Arkansas** – Little Rock

**California** – Sacramento

**Colorado** – Denver

**Connecticut** – Hartford

**Delaware** – Dover

**Florida** – Tallahassee

**Georgia** – Atlanta

**Hawaii** – Honolulu

**Idaho** – Boise

**Illinois** – Springfield

**Indiana** – Indianapolis

**Iowa** – Des Moines

**Kansas** – Topeka

**Kentucky** – Frankfort

**Louisiana** – Baton Rouge

**Maine** – Augusta

**Maryland** – Annapolis

**Massachusetts** – Boston

**Michigan** – Lansing

**Minnesota** – St. Paul

**Mississippi** – Jackson

**Missouri** – Jefferson City

**Montana** – Helena

**Nebraska** – Lincoln

**Nevada** – Carson City

**New Hampshire** – Concord

**New Jersey** – Trenton

**New Mexico** – Santa Fe

**New York** – Albany

**North Carolina** – Raleigh

**North Dakota** – Bismarck

**Ohio** – Columbus

**Oklahoma** – Oklahoma City

**Oregon** – Salem

**Pennsylvania** – Harrisburg

**Rhode Island** – Providence

**South Carolina** – Columbia

**South Dakota** – Pierre

**Tennessee** – Nashville

**Texas** – Austin

**Utah** – Salt Lake City

**Vermont** – Montpelier

**Virginia** – Richmond

**Washington** – Olympia

**West Virginia** – Charleston

**Wisconsin** – Madison

**Wyoming** – Cheyenne

**Ideas, videos and websites to help you learn the states and capitals**

<https://www.yourmodernfamily.com/how-to-learn-states-and-capitals/>





## The Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

—Abraham Lincoln  
November 19, 1863



# PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES

1. George Washington 1789-1797
2. John Adams 1797-1801
3. Thomas Jefferson 1801-1809
4. James Madison 1809-1817
5. James Monroe 1817-1825
6. John Quincy Adams 1825-1829
7. Andrew Jackson 1829-1837
8. Martin Van Buren 1837-1841
9. William Henry Harrison 1841-1841
10. John Tyler 1841-1845
11. James K. Polk 1845-1849
12. Zachary Taylor 1849-1850
13. Millard Fillmore 1850-1853
14. Franklin Pierce 1853-1857
15. James Buchanan 1857-1861
16. Abraham Lincoln 1861-1865
17. Andrew Johnson 1865-1869
18. Ulysses S. Grant 1869-1877
19. Rutherford B. Hayes 1877-1881
20. James A. Garfield 1881-1881
21. Chester A. Arthur 1881-1885
22. Grover Cleveland 1885-1889
23. Benjamin Harrison 1889-1893
24. Grover Cleveland 1893-1897
25. William McKinley 1897-1901
26. Theodore Roosevelt 1901-1909
27. William Howard Taft 1909-1913
28. Woodrow Wilson 1913-1921
29. Warren G. Harding 1921-1923
30. Calvin Coolidge 1923-1929
31. Herbert Hoover 1929-1933
32. Franklin D. Roosevelt 1933-1945
33. Harry S. Truman 1945-1953
34. Dwight D. Eisenhower 1953-1961
35. John F. Kennedy 1961-1963
36. Lyndon B. Johnson 1963-1969
37. Richard M. Nixon 1969-1974
38. Gerald R. Ford 1974-1977
39. Jimmy Carter 1977-1981
40. Ronald Reagan 1981-1989
41. George Bush 1989-1993
42. Bill Clinton 1993-2001
43. George W. Bush 2001-2009
44. Barack Obama 2009-2017
45. Donald Trump 2017-2021
46. Joe Biden 2021-



**I pledge allegiance to the Flag  
of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one Nation under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.**



# STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O say, can you see  
By the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed  
At the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
Through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched  
Were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket's red glare  
The bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof through the night  
That our flag was still there

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free  
And the home of the brave?

We the People

# The Preamble of the United States Constitution

We, the people of the United States

In order to form

A more perfect union,

Establish justice,

Insure domestic tranquility,

Provide for the common defense,

Promote the general welfare,

And secure the blessings of liberty

to ourselves and our posterity,

Do ordain and establish

This Constitution

For the United States of America.



# United States Citizenship/Naturalization Test

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

On October 1, 2008, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services replaced the set of questions formerly used as part of the citizenship test with the questions listed here. All applicants who filed for naturalization on or after October 1, 2008 are required to take the new test.

## AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

### A. Principles of American Democracy

1. What is the supreme law of the land?

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2. What does the Constitution do?

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3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?

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4. What is an amendment?

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5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

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6. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?

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7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?

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8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?

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9. What are **two** rights in the Declaration of Independence?

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10. What is freedom of religion?

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

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12. What is the “rule of law”?

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## **B. System of Government**

13. Name **one** branch or part of the government

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

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15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?

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16. Who makes federal laws?

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17. What are the **two** parts of the U.S. Congress?

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18. How many U.S. Senators are there?

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

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20. Who is one of your state’s U.S. Senators?

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

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

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23. Name your U.S. Representative.

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24. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?

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

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26. We elect a President for how many years?

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27. In what month do we vote for President?

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

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

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

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

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32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?

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33. Who signs bills to become laws?

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34. Who vetoes bills?

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35. What does the President's Cabinet do?

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36. What are two cabinet-level positions?

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37. What does the judicial branch do?

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

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39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

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

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

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42. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is **one** power of the states?

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43. Who is the Governor of your state?

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44. What is the capital of your state?

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

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

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

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## C. Rights and Responsibilities

48. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.

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

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50. What are **two** rights only for United States citizens?

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

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52. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?

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

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54. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?

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

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

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

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# AMERICAN HISTORY

## A: Colonial Period and Independence

58. What is **one** reason colonists came to America?

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59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

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60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?

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61. Why did the colonists fight the British?

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62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

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63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

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64. There are 13 original states. Name them.

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65. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?

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66. When was the Constitution written?

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

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

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69. Who is the "Father of Our Country"?

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70. Who was the first President?

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**B: 1800s**

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

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72. Name **one** war fought by the United States in the 1800s.

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73. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.

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74. Name **one** problem that led to the Civil War.

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75. What was **one** important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?

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76. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

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77. What did Susan B Anthony do?

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**C: Recent American History and Other Important Historical Information**

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

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79. Who was President during World War I?

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80. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?

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81. Who did the United States fight in World War II?

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82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?

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83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?

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84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?

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85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr do?

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

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87. Name **one** American Indian tribe in the United States.

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## **INTEGRATED CIVICS**

### **A: Geography**

88. Name **one** of the two longest rivers in the United States.

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89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?

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90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?

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91. Name **one** U.S. Territory.

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92. Name **one** state that borders Canada.

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93. Name **one** state that borders Mexico.

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94. What is the capital of United States?

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95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?

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## **B: Symbols**

96. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

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97. Why does the flag have 50 stars?

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98. What is the name of the national anthem?

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## **C: Holidays**

99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?

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100. Name **two** national U.S. holidays.

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