

## **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT**

### **A: Principles of American Democracy**

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
2. What does the Constitution do?
3. The idea of self-government in the first words of the Constitution. What are these words?
4. What is an amendment?
5. What do we call the first ten amendments?
6. What are some rights or freedom from the First Amendment?
7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
9. What are some rights in the Declaration of Independence?
10. What is the pursuit of religion?
11. What is the economic system in the United States?
12. What is the "rule of law"?

### **B: System of Government**

13. Name the branches or parts of the government.
14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
16. Who makes federal laws?
17. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?
18. How many U.S. Senators are there?
19. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?
20. Who are your state's U.S. Senators now?
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.
24. What does a U.S. Senator represent?
25. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
26. We elect a President for how many years?
27. In what month do we vote for President?
28. What is the name of the President of the United States now?
29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?
30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
33. Who signs bills to become laws?
34. Who vetoes laws?
35. What does the President's cabinet do?
36. What are the 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. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What are those powers of the federal government?
42. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What are those powers of the state?
43. Who is the Governor of Florida now?
44. What is the capital of Florida?
45. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
46. What is the political party of the President?
47. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives?

### **C: Rights and Responsibilities**

48. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe them.
49. What are two responsibilities that are only for United States citizens?
50. Name two rights only for United States citizens.
51. What are six rights of everyone living in the United States?
52. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
53. What are six promises you make when you become a United States citizen?
54. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?
55. What are seven ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
56. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?
57. When must all men register for the Selective Service?

## **AMERICAN HISTORY**

### **A: Colonial Period and Independence**

58. What is one reason colonists came to America?
59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?

61. Why did the colonists fight the British?
62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
64. There were 13 original states. Name them.
65. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
66. When was the Constitution written?
67. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name four of the writers.
68. What are five things Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
69. Who is the "Father of Our Country"?
70. Who was the first President?

**B: 1800s**

71. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?
72. Name four wars fought by the United States in the 1800s.
73. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.
74. Name three problems that led to the Civil War.
75. What were three important things that Abraham Lincoln did?
76. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

**C: Recent American History and other important Historical information**

78. Name five wars fought by the United States in the 1900s.
79. Who was President during World War I?
80. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?
81. Who did the United States fight in World War II?
82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?
83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?
85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr., do?
86. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States?
87. Name three American Indian tribes in the United States.



## **INTEGRATED CIVICS**

### **A: Geography**

88. Name the two longest rivers in the United States.
89. What ocean is on the west coast of the United States?
90. What ocean is on the east coast of the United States?
91. Name five U.S. territories.
92. Name the twelve states that border Canada.
93. Name the four states that border Mexico.
94. What is the capital of the United States?
95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?

### **B: Symbols**

96. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?
97. Why does the flag have 50 stars?
98. What is the name of the national anthem?

### **C: Holidays**

99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?
100. Name ten national U.S. holidays.