



CITIZENSHIP TUTOR STUDY GUIDE SESSION 20

SAMPLE SMALL TALK QUESTIONS

How are you today?

Have you been studying for the citizenship test?

What are you most looking forward to as a citizen?

What is your favorite thing about living in the United States?

READING PRACTICE

1. Where does Congress meet?
2. Name one right in the Bill of Rights.
3. When is Memorial Day?

Do not show students the next 2 sections (Spelling Words and Writing Practice) until after they have practiced writing. Dictate the words and sentences and share your screen when they are done writing so that THEY can check their work. Discuss any spelling mistakes that they made.

SPELLING WORDS

1. Congress
2. Washington DC
3. freedom
4. speech
5. right
6. Memorial Day
7. May



WRITING PRACTICE

1. Congress meets in Washington DC.
2. Freedom of speech is a right.
3. Memorial Day is in May.

TEST QUESTIONS New questions are highlighted in orange, altered questions are in green (please note all questions are review)

New:

The U.S. Constitution starts with the words “We the People.” What does “We the People” mean?

There are three branches of government. Why?

What is the purpose of the 10th Amendment?

What does the Bill of Rights protect?

How many senators does each state have?

Why does each state have two senators?

Why do U.S. representatives serve shorter terms than U.S. senators?

Who elects members of the House of Representatives?



Why is the Electoral College important?

The President of the United States can serve only two terms. Why?

How can people become United States citizens?

Why is it important to pay federal taxes?

How many Supreme Court justices are usually needed to decide a case?

How long do Supreme Court justices serve?

ANSWER KEY

The U.S. Constitution starts with the words “We the People.” What does “We the People” mean?

Self-government

There are three branches of government. Why?

Checks and balances; separation of powers

What is the purpose of the 10th Amendment?

It states that the powers not given to the federal government belong to the states or to the people.



What does the Bill of Rights protect?
the basic rights of Americans

How many senators does each state have?
2

Why does each state have two senators?
equal representation for small states

Why do U.S. representatives serve shorter terms than U.S. senators?
to more closely follow public opinion

Who elects members of the House of Representatives?
citizens from their congressional district

Why is the Electoral College important?
It decides who is elected president.

The President of the United States can serve only two terms. Why?
because of the 22nd amendment

How can people become United States citizens?
be born in the U.S.

Why is it important to pay federal taxes?
required by law

How many Supreme Court justices are usually needed to decide a case?
5

How long do Supreme Court justices serve?
for life