

# ***Civics: A Christian Worldview. U. S. Citizenship Practice Test (15–20 minutes)***

## **TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Instructions**

1. Print a copy of this page and the Answer Key (Pages 2 and 3) for yourself.
2. Print a copy of Pages 4 and 5 for each student (print front to back if possible!).
3. Tell students, “We’re going to give it another shot! Today we’re going to take another U. S. citizenship test to see how you do compared to our first attempt.”
4. Tell students: “Like the first test, this test is a compilation of 25 common questions that appear on many practice U. S. citizenship tests.”
5. Pass out the tests (Pages 4 and 5) to students.
6. Tell students: “You have 15 minutes to take the test. You will grade them yourselves when time is up.”
7. Tell students to start, and give them 15 minutes!

### **After Students Are Done:**

1. Use your Answer Key to review the answers with students; tell them to grade themselves!
2. Ask for volunteers to see how students did as compared to their first test a few weeks ago.
3. Ask, “Did anyone get 15 or more correct?” (You can keep going to see who got the highest score if you want .)
4. ~~Announce that any student who got 5 questions or fewer correct will be deported.~~

## ANSWER KEY: *Civics: A Christian Worldview*– U.S. Citizenship Practice Test 2

### CORRECT ANSWERS ARE IN BOLD.

1. The main purpose of the U.S. Constitution is to \_\_\_\_.  
(A) **organize a national government** (B) declare independence (C) set up political parties (D) all of these
2. The \_\_\_\_ lists the basic freedoms of Americans.  
(A) Articles of Confederation (B) Federalist Papers (C) **Bill of Rights** (D) Declaration of Independence
3. The Constitution can be legally changed by \_\_\_\_.  
(A) an executive order (B) a Supreme Court ruling (C) **an amendment** (D) a popular majority vote
4. What branch of government writes federal laws?  
(A) the Executive (B) **the Legislative** (C) the Judicial (D) all of these
5. How many U. S. Senators represent each state?  
(A) 1 (B) **2** (C) 3 (D) It depends on that state's population.
6. Every state has the same number of Senators to \_\_\_\_.  
(A) favor large states (B) **balance powers** (C) reflect the population (D) limit Congress
7. What determines how many Representatives a state has?  
(A) land area (B) state age (C) **population** (D) the number of counties
8. Which chamber of Congress has more members?  
(A) **the House of Representatives** (B) the Senate (C) the Supreme Court
9. We elect a U. S. Representative for how many years?  
(A) **2** (B) 4 (C) 6 (D) 8
10. The President's main job is to \_\_\_\_.  
(A) write laws (B) interpret laws (C) **enforce laws** (D) approve court cases
11. One power of the President is to \_\_\_\_.  
(A) declare war (B) **appoint Supreme Court justices** (C) pass laws (D) none of these
12. How long can a President serve in office total?  
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16. What is the capital of the United States?  
(A) New York (B) Philadelphia (C) Boston (D) **Washington, D.C.**
17. What is one power reserved to the states?  
(A) printing money (B) declaring war (C) **running elections** (D) making treaties

18. Who is the current head of the executive branch?  
(A) **the President** (B) the Chief Justice (C) the Speaker of the House (D) the Vice President
19. The term *federalism* describes power \_\_\_\_.  
(A) held by one ruler. (C) held by Congress  
(B) **shared between levels of government** (D) held only by the states
20. The \_\_\_\_ begins with “We the People....”  
(A) Declaration of Independence (B) Articles of Confederation (C) **Constitution** (D) Bill of Rights
21. We have checks and balances to \_\_\_\_.  
(A) strengthen government (B) **prevent abuse of power** (C) favor Congress (D) limit citizenship
22. Who signs bills into law?  
(A) **the President** (B) the Speaker of the House (C) the Senate Majority Leader (D) the Chief Justice
23. How many amendments does the Constitution currently have?  
(A) 10 (B) 20 (C) **27** (D) 50
24. What does the 13th Amendment do?  
(A) grants voting rights (B) **ends slavery** (C) establishes an income tax (D) defines citizenship
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