

# CITIZENSHIP STUDY GUIDE 7: THE CONSTITUTION

Ask a friend to read you these questions out loud. Practice the answers without looking at the paper.

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
2. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
3. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
4. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?
5. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
6. What is an amendment?
7. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
8. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
9. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?
10. What is freedom of religion?
11. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
12. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
13. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?

**Answers:** 1. The Constitution 2. We the People 3. to print money 4. to give a driver's license  
5. separation of powers 6. a change (to the Constitution) 7. The Bill of Rights 8. speech  
9. freedom of speech, freedom of religion 10. you can practice any religion, or no religion  
11. twenty-seven (27) 12. citizens who are 18 can vote 13. eighteen (18)

## READ ALOUD

Practice reading this sentence out loud. You DO NOT need to know the answer.

Name one right in the Bill of Rights.

## DICTATION

Copy the sentence 10 times. Then ask a friend to test you by reading the sentence to you, while you write it.

Freedom of speech is a right.

## YOUR INTERVIEW

Practice with a friend.

1. Have you ever:
  - claimed to be a U.S. citizen?
  - lied to an immigration officer? Or lied on an immigration application? (example: to get a green card)
  - lied on your tax returns? (example: saying that you are not a U.S. resident, so you don't have to pay)
  - failed to pay taxes? Do you owe any taxes?
  - registered to vote in the U.S.? Voted in a U.S. election?
  - been declared legally incompetent or confined to a mental institution?
2. Have you ever:
  - committed a crime (whether you were arrested or not)
  - been arrested, cited, or detailed by the police?
  - been charged or convicted of a crime? been in jail? **DANGER: If the answer is yes, YOU SHOULD SEE A LAWYER about your citizenship application**