

Citizenship Tutoring Resources

Citizenship Books

Beginning Level

Citizenship: Passing the Test, 3rd ed. (2008) Lynne Weintraub, New Readers Press.

This book covers the history and government content required by the USCIS to understand the 100 questions. It has large illustrations with simple one or two sentence explanations on each page. You can also purchase an audiotape that reinforces the core content of the book and aids in dictation practice. A teacher's guide is available that provides ideas for adapting the lessons to different levels of students and for extending the lessons with other activities. It could also be used for intermediate level learners.

Pass the U.S. Citizenship Exam, 3rd ed. (2008) Mary Masi, Learning Express. This book explains the process of naturalization and covers the 100 typical citizenship question in contextual units. It also provides practice questions for the N-400 application form and dictation exercises. An answer guide is provided and a vocabulary list with definitions and Spanish translations.

Intermediate Level

Entry Into Citizenship (2009) Aliza Becker & Mary A. Siegal, McGraw-Hill.

This book provides practice questions for the N-400 application form. It teaches the government and history questions required by the USCIS. It includes many illustrations to support teaching content. It is simply and clearly written.

McGraw-Hill plans to have this new edition available in December, 2008.

Citizenship, Ready for the Interview (2008) Lynne Weintraub, New Readers Press. This book covers vocabulary and questions on the N-400 application. It provides practice in asking the examiner to repeat or explain a question. An audiotape or CD with practice questions can also be purchased.

Voices of Freedom. English and Civics for the U.S. Citizenship Exam (2008) Bill Bliss, Prentice Hall. This content-based citizenship text offers comprehensive preparation for the USCIS interview and English/Civics exam. It features activities to promote student participation in the political process. An audio CD is available.

Preparation for Citizenship (2009) Steck-Vaughn, textbook with CD. This book provides history and government preparation for the citizenship interview. This new edition has more visuals to assist lower levels.

Advanced Level

Citizenship Now (2001) McGraw-Hill. This book covers every step of the citizenship process, as well as U.S. history and civics information. Includes sample interviews and addresses language related challenges students may have.

McGraw Hill plans to have an updated edition available in December, 2008.

Planning for Citizenship (2002) McGraw-Hill. A self study guide for advanced students. Addresses the entire citizenship process and contains hints and checklists.

McGraw Hill plans to have an updated edition available in December, 2008.

Websites

- The MLC website has a lot of good information about teaching citizenship, including files of the handouts provided in the citizenship in-service:
<http://www.themlc.org/teachcitizenship>
<http://www.themlc.org/citizenshipprocess.html>
<http://www.themlc.org/citizenshipissues.html>
- The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) website has a lot of useful information as well, including information about the new test. There are links there to additional study materials.

www.uscis.gov/natzpilot

Scroll down to the bottom of the page for links to the new test details.

USCIS has posted the Spanish and Chinese translations of the 100 new history/civics test questions on its website at the following link:

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=2de5bece24e7b110VgnVCM1000004718190aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=2de5bece24e7b110VgnVCM1000004718190aRCRD>

USCIS plans to post additional translations in Vietnamese and Tagalog by October 1.

- Charles LaRue, from Metro North ABE, maintains a website that allows learners to study for the citizenship test through online quizzes and dictations. There is also a printable study guide and audio CD. He has already updated the site to include preparation for the new test. Subscriptions are not free, but any site can purchase one-year access for \$30. The CD and study guide can be ordered for \$20 each, for those who don't want to study online.
www.uscitizenship.org
- If you're interested in finding out more about immigration law, this website can answer many of your questions. There is a section on green cards, if you'd like to know more about who is eligible and how to apply for one.
<http://www.cpvisa.com/greencards.html>

- This site provides numerous civics lessons and civics activities for English language learners. Some deal with topics covered on the citizenship test, such as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Some units include crossword puzzles and BINGO games.
<http://www.elcivics.com>
- Create your own crossword puzzles and word finds with vocabulary needed for the citizenship test at:
www.puzzlemaker.com
- This website has a list of election-related websites for intermediate level ESL students:
<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2008/04/27/the-best-sites-to-learn-about-us-presidential-elections/>

List of Publishers

Alta Book Center Publishers
1-800-258-2375
www.altaesl.com

Cambridge University Press
1-800-872-7423
www.cambridge.org/esl-efl

Delta Systems Co., Inc.
1-800-323-8270
www.delta-systems.com

Heinle & Heinle
1-800-354-9706
www.heinle.com

Longman ESL
1-800-282-0693
www.longman-elt.com

McGraw-Hill
1-800-317-7524
www.esl.mcgraw-hill.com

New Readers Press
1-800-448-8878
www.newreaderspress.com

Oxford University Press
1-800-471-7556
www.oup.com/us/esl

Pro Lingua
1-800-366-4775
www.ProLinguaAssociates.com

Steck-Vaughn
1-800-531-5015
www.steck-vaughn.com

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1-888-891-0041
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