Civics (History and Government) Questions for Naturalization Test and the Proposed South Dakota Social Studies Standards

This document displays the corresponding proposed South Dakota social studies standards that build to an understanding of the ideas present in each respective question from the Civics Questions for Naturalization Test. This alignment was presented to the social studies standards workgroup for feedback.

Test:
http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Office%20of%20Citizenship/Citizenship%20Resource%20Center%20Site/Publications/100q.pdf

Proposed Standards:
http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/documents/15PropdSS.pdf

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
   - the Constitution

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2. What does the Constitution do?
   - sets up the government   - defines the government   - protects basic rights of Americans

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3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
   - We the People

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4. What is an amendment?
   - a change (to the Constitution)
   - an addition (to the Constitution)

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5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
   - the Bill of Rights

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6. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?*
   - speech
   - religion
   - assembly
   - press
   - petition the government

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7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
   - twenty-seven (27)

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8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
   - announced our independence (from Great Britain)
   - declared our independence (from Great Britain)
   - said that the United States is free (from Great Britain)

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3.C.4.2 Explain why communities have rules and laws
4.C.3.1 Explain how groups of people make rules to create responsibilities and protect freedoms
5.C.1.2 Explain how rules and laws change society and how people change rules and laws
5.C.2.1 Examine the origins and purposes of rules, laws, and key US Constitutional powers
9-12.C.2.1 Differentiate between a constitutional or limited government and unconstitutional or unlimited government.

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13. Name one branch or part of the government.*
   - Congress  legislative  President  executive  the courts  judicial

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14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
   - checks and balances  separation of powers

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15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
   - the President

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16. Who makes federal laws?
   - Congress  Senate and House (of Representatives)  (U.S. or national) legislature

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17. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?*
   - the Senate and House (of Representatives)

18. How many U.S. Senators are there?
   - one hundred (100)

19. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?
   - six (6)

20. Who is one of your state’s U.S. Senators now?*
    - Answers will vary. [District of Columbia residents and residents of U.S. territories should answer that D.C. (or the territory where the applicant lives) has no U.S. Senators.]
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21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
   - four hundred thirty-five (435)

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22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
   - two (2)

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23. Name your U.S. Representative.
   - Answers will vary. [Residents of territories with nonvoting Delegates or Resident Commissioners may provide the name of that Delegate or Commissioner. Also acceptable is any statement that the territory has no (voting) Representatives in Congress.]

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24. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?
   - all people of the state

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   - Barack Obama
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29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?
   - Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
   - Joe Biden
   - Biden

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   - the Vice President

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   - the Speaker of the House

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33. Who signs bills to become laws?
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35. What does the President’s Cabinet do?
   - advises the President

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36. What are two Cabinet-level positions?
   - Secretary of Agriculture • Secretary of Commerce • Secretary of Defense
   - Secretary of Education • Secretary of Energy • Secretary of Health and Human Services
   - Secretary of Homeland Security • Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
   - Secretary of the Interior • Secretary of Labor • Secretary of State
   - Secretary of Transportation • Secretary of the Treasury • Secretary of Veterans Affairs
   - Attorney General • Vice President

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37. What does the judicial branch do?
   - reviews laws • explains laws • resolves disputes (disagreements)
   - decides if a law goes against the Constitution

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38. What is the highest court in the United States?
   - the Supreme Court

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39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
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   - John Roberts (John G. Roberts, Jr.)

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   * Democratic (Party)

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47. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?
   * (John) Boehner
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51. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?
    ▪ freedom of expression
    ▪ freedom of speech
    ▪ freedom of assembly
    ▪ freedom to petition the government
    ▪ freedom of worship
    ▪ the right to bear arms

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52. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
   - the United States  
   - the flag

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K.C.1.1 Identify our country’s flag of the United States as a symbol of the nation.

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53. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?
   - give up loyalty to other countries  
   - defend the Constitution and laws of the United States 
   - obey the laws of the United States  
   - serve in the U.S. military (if needed)  
   - serve (do important work for) the nation (if needed)  
   - be loyal to the United States

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54. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?*
   - eighteen (18) and older

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55. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
   • vote  • join a political party  • help with a campaign
   • join a civic group  • join a community group
   • give an elected official your opinion on an issue  • call Senators and Representatives
   • publicly support or oppose an issue or policy  • run for office  • write to a newspaper

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56. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?*
   • April 15

4.E.3.1 Describe the necessity for government to collect taxes from its citizens in order to provide services to its citizens
9-12.E.3.5 Describe the ways in which each level of government in the US generates revenue and critique the method of using that revenue for public services

57. When must all men register for the Selective Service?
   • at age eighteen (18)  • between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)

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9-12.H.4.7 Evaluate the causes and effects of the First World War on the United States.

58. What is one reason colonists came to America?
   - freedom
   - political liberty
   - religious freedom
   - economic opportunity
   - practice their religion
   - escape persecution

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59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
   - American Indians
   - Native Americans

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60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
   - Africans
   - people from Africa

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61. Why did the colonists fight the British?
   - because of high taxes (taxation without representation)
   - because the British army stayed in their houses (boarding, quartering)
   - because they didn’t have self-government

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62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
   - (Thomas) Jefferson

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63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
   - July 4, 1776

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64. There were 13 original states. Name three.
   - New Hampshire
   - Massachusetts
   - Rhode Island
   - Connecticut
   - New York
   - New Jersey
   - Pennsylvania
   - Delaware
   - Maryland
   - Virginia
   - North Carolina
   - South Carolina
   - Georgia

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65. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
   - The Constitution was written.
   - The Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution.

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66. When was the Constitution written?
   - 1787

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   • (James) Madison
   • (Alexander) Hamilton
   • (John) Jay
   • Publius

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68. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
   • U.S. diplomat
   • oldest member of the Constitutional Convention
   • first Postmaster General of the United States
   • writer of “Poor Richard’s Almanac”
   • started the first free libraries

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| the Civil War | the War between the States |

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5.H.2.4 Evaluate the influence, impact, and interactions of various cultures, philosophies, and religions on the development of the US.

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   - (Woodrow) Wilson  

80. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?  
   - (Franklin) Roosevelt  

81. Who did the United States fight in World War II?  
   - Japan, Germany, and Italy  

82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?  
   - World War II  

83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?  
   - Communism
9-12.H.3.5 Assess the causes, events, and impacts of the Cold War on domestic and international affairs in American history.

84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?
   • civil rights (movement)

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85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?
   • fought for civil rights
   • worked for equality for all Americans

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86. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States?
   • Terrorists attacked the United States.

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87. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States. [USCIS Officers will be supplied with a list of federally recognized American Indian tribes.]
   • Cherokee
   • Navajo
   • Sioux
   • Chippewa
   • Choctaw
   • Pueblo
   • Apache
   • Iroquois
   • Creek
   • Blackfeet
   • Seminole
   • Cheyenne
   • Arawak
   • Shawnee
   • Mohegan
   • Huron
   • Oneida
   • Lakota
   • Crow
   • Teton
   • Hopi
   • Inuit

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4.H.1.1 Analyze the impact of significant historical events on the development of cultures in South Dakota
4.H.2.1 Explain the effects of conflicts and the establishment of reservations on the American Indians culture
5.H.2.1 Differentiate the cultures of various American Indian tribes.
9-12.C.3.5 Differentiate among the roles of the levels of authority in the national, state, local, and tribal governments regarding in American federalism through the use of compelling questions.

88. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.
   • Missouri (River)
   • Mississippi (River)

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4.G.2.1 Compare and contrast regions of South Dakota to one another
5.G.2.2 Explain how human settlements and movements relate to the locations and use of various
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| 91. Name one U.S. territory.                                           | • Puerto Rico  • U.S. Virgin Islands  • American Samoa  • Northern Mariana Islands  • Guam |
| **Proposed SD Social Studies Standards**                                | 3.G.1.2 Locate the seven continents, four oceans, and major physical features and regions of the United States on a map or globe |
| 92. Name one state that borders Canada.                                | • Maine  • New Hampshire  • Vermont  • New York  • Pennsylvania  • Ohio  • Michigan  
|                                                                       | • Minnesota  • North Dakota  • Montana  • Idaho  • Washington  • Alaska |
| **Proposed SD Social Studies Standards**                                | 3.G.1.2 Locate the seven continents, four oceans, and major physical features and regions of the United States on a map or globe |
| 93. Name one state that borders Mexico.                                | • California  • Arizona  • New Mexico  • Texas                        |
| **Proposed SD Social Studies Standards**                                | 3.G.1.2 Locate the seven continents, four oceans, and major physical features and regions of the United States on a map or globe |
| 94. What is the capital of the United States?*                         | • Washington, D.C.                                                    |
| **Proposed SD Social Studies Standards**                                | 3.G.1.2 Locate the seven continents, four oceans, and major physical features and regions of the United States on a map or globe |
| 95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?                                    | • New York (Harbor)                                                    
|                                                                       | • Liberty Island [Also acceptable are New Jersey, near New York City, and on the Hudson (River).] |
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| 96. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?                                | • because there were 13 original colonies  • because the stripes represent the original colonies |
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97. Why does the flag have 50 stars?
- because there is one star for each state
- because each star represents a state
- because there are 50 states

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98. What is the name of the national anthem?
- The Star-Spangled Banner

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1.C.1.1 Identify primary symbols of the United States
2.H.1.2 Use historical records and artifacts including but not limited to photos, diaries, oral histories, and videos to draw conclusions about family or school life in the past
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99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?
- July 4

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8.H.4.2 Analyze ideas and principles contained in the Declaration of Independence, and explain how it influenced the social and political system
9-12.C.2.2 Critique the claims and evidence offered in the Declaration of Independence, justifying the independence of the American colonies

100. Name two national U.S. holidays.
- New Year’s Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Presidents’ Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas

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