Government and Law Unit

## Beginning Level

**This guide will take you through the Government and Law 40.4 Objective.** The objective is to “Respond to questions about the History and Government of the United States in order to be successful in the naturalization process.”

Picture of a map of the United States.

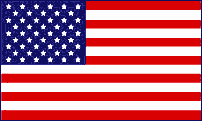

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## Patriotic Symbols

[***(from Ben’s Guide to Government)***](https://bensguide.gpo.gov/)

## The Flag

The United States flag has 13 stripes. Seven are red and 6 are white. It also has 50 white stars on a blue background. The stripes represent the 13 original colonies. The 50 stars represent the 50 states in the U.S

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## The White House

The White House is the home of the President of the United States. The address is 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. Every President except George Washington has

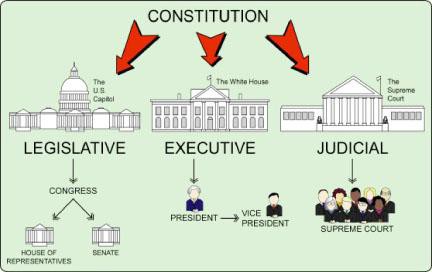
lived there.

The President’s office is called the Oval Office. Here the President signs bills and visits with important guests.

Illustration of the White House.


## Three Branches of Government

[***(Adapted from Ben’s Guide to Government)***](https://bensguide.gpo.gov/)



1. **The Legislative Branch** makes the laws. Congress is part of this branch.

The Senate and the House of Representatives are in Congress.

1. **The Executive Branch** makes sure people follow the laws. The President and Vice President are in charge of the Executive Branch. The President asks for advice from a group called the Cabinet.
2. The **Judicial Branch** makes decisions about the laws. It is made up of courts such as the Supreme Court.

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|  | **Questions** | **Possible Answers** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | What is your full name? | My name is . |
| 2. | What is your age? | I am years old. |
| 3. | What is your current address? | My address is |
| 4. | Are you married? | Yes, I am.  No, I’m single/divorced/widowed. |
| 5. | What is the highest court in the United States? | Supreme Court |
| 6. | Where is the capitol of the United States? | Washington, D.C. |
| 7. | Why does the flag have 13 stripes? | They represent the original 13 colonies |
| 8. | Why does the flag have 50 stars? | One for each state |
| 9. | What do we call the first 10 amendments to the Constitution? | Bill of Rights |
| 10. | What are two rights guaranteed to everyone living in the United States? | Answers may include: freedom of speech, religion, press |
| 11. | What is the supreme law of the land? | The Constitution |
| 12 | Name two U.S. national holidays. | Answers may include: New Year’s, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas |

|  | **Questions** | **Possible Answers** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 13. | When was the Declaration of Independence signed? | July 4, 1776 |
| 14. | Who is the governor of California? | Gavin Newsom |
| 15. | Who is the mayor of your city? | [Go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com/) and type “who is the mayor of ?") Oceanside: Vista: Carlsbad: Other: |
| 16. | Name one branch of government. | Legislative, Executive, or Judicial |
| 17. | Who is the President of the United States? | Joe Biden |
| 18. | What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do? | Fought for civil rights |
| 19. | Who makes federal laws in the United States? | Congress |
| 20. | What ocean is on the West Coast? | Pacific Ocean |
| 21. | What do you like best about living in the U.S.? | Answers may include: better job, more opportunities, be with family |
| 22. | How is a person eligible for citizenship? | Must be 18 years of age.  Permanent resident for at least 5 years (3 years if married to a US citizen) |

## Our Leaders

| Photo of the current U.S. President.  **President**  **Joe Biden** | Photo of the current U.S. Vice President.  **Vice-President**  **Kamala Harris** | Photo of the Secretary of Defense.  **Secretary of Defense**  **Lloyd Austin** |
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| Photo of the Secretary of State.  **Secretary of State**  **Antony Blinken** | Photo of the governor of California.  **California Governor Gavin Newsom** | **Your City's Mayor** |

Which leaders are members of the Executive Branch?

## Our Leaders

### Jigsaw Activity Partner A

**Partner A**: Ask your partner for the missing names. Write the name of the leader beneath each picture.

| Photo of the governor of California.  **California Governor**  **Gavin Newsom** | **Your City's Mayor** | Photo of the U. S. Secretary of State.  **Secretary of State**  **Antony Blinken** |
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| Photo of the U. S. Secretary of Defense.  **Secretary of Defense**  **Lloyd Austin** | Photo of the President of the United States. | Photo of the Vice President of the United States. |

## Our Leaders

### Jigsaw Activity Partner B

**Partner B:** Ask your partner for the missing names. Write the name of the leader beneath each picture.

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| Photo of the governor of California. | **Your City’s Mayor** | Photo of the U. S. Secretary of State. |
| Photo of the Secretary of Defense. | Photo of the President of the United States.  **President**  **Joe Biden** | Photo of the Vice-President of the United States.  **Vice-President**  **Kamala Harris** |

## Getting to Know You

**Directions:**

Ask each person a different question. Write their answer and name for each question.

What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your address?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you married?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you like living in the US? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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# Practice 1: Cloze Activity

Complete the sentences below. Use the words in the Word Choices list to help you.

**Word Choices**

executive Supreme Federal

18 President Star

Thanksgiving Colonies Washington

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an American holiday.
2. Congress makes the laws.
3. The stripes on the flag are for the first 13 .
4. There is one on the flag for each state.
5. The U.S. Capitol is in , D.C.
6. The three branches of the government are legislative, judicial, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. The is a member of the executive branch.
8. The Constitution is the land.
9. To be a citizen, you must be years old.

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## Sentence Cards

| **Question** | **Answer** |
| --- | --- |
| **What is your full name?** | **My name is .** |
| **What is your age?** | **I am years old.** |
| **What is your current address?** | **My address is .** |
| **Are you married?** | **Yes, I am.**  **No, I’m single/divorced/widowed.** |
| **What is the highest court in the United States?** | **Supreme Court** |
| **Where is the capitol of the United States?** | **Washington, D.C.** |
| **Why does the flag have 13 stripes?** | **They represent the original 13 colonies** |

| **Question** | **Answer** |
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| **Why does the flag have 50 stars?** | **One for each state** |
| **What do we call the first 10 amendments to the Constitution?** | **Bill of Rights** |
| **What are two rights guaranteed to everyone living in the United States?** | **Answers may include: freedom of speech, religion, press** |
| **What is the supreme law of the land?** | **The Constitution** |
| **Name two U.S. national holidays.** | **Examples include: New Year’s, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas** |
| **When was the Declaration of Independence signed?** | **July 4, 1776** |
| **Who is the governor of California?** | **Gavin Newsom** |

| **Question** | **Answer** |
| --- | --- |
| **Who is the mayor of your city?** | **Oceanside: Esther Sanchez**  Vista: Judy Ritter Carlsbad: Matt Hall |
| **Name one branch of government.** | **Legislative, Executive, or Judicial** |
| **Who is the President of the United States?** | **Joe Biden** |
| **What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?** | **Fought for civil rights** |
| **Who makes federal laws in the United States?** | **Congress** |
| **What ocean is on the West Coast?** | **Pacific Ocean** |
| **What do you like best about living in the U.S.?** | **Answers may include: better job, more opportunities, be with family** |
| **How is a person eligible for citizenship?** | **Must be 18 years of age. Permanent resident for at least 5 years (3 years if married to a US citizen).** |

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## Assessment: Practice Interview 1

|  | **Questions** | **Possible Answers** | **Score** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | What is your full name? | Answers may vary but must include first and last name |  |
| 2. | Are you married? | Yes I am. No, I’m  single/divorced/widowed. |  |
| 3. | What is your current address? | Street number, street name, city, state, zip code |  |
| 4. | Why does the flag have 13 stripes? | They represent the 13 original colonies |  |
| 5. | Where is the capitol of the United States? | Washington, D.C. |  |
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| 9. | Name one branch of the government. | Legislative, Executive, or Judicial |  |
| 10. | Who is the President of the United States? | Joe Biden |  |
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## Assessment: Practice Interview 2

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| **Questions** | | **Possible Answers** | **Score** |
| 1. | What is your full name? | Answers may vary but must include first and last name |  |
| 2. | What is your age? | I am years old. |  |
| 3. | What is your current address? | Street number, street name, city, state, zip code |  |
| 4. | Why does the flag have 50 stars? | One for each state |  |
| 5. | What is the highest court in the United States? | Supreme Court |  |
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## Dictation Study Guide

1. The United States of America has 50 states.
2. The United States flag is red, white, and blue.
3. Thanksgiving is in November.
4. There are 100 Senators.
5. There are three branches in the government.
6. The White House is in Washington, D.C.

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## Dictation Cards

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| **The United States of America has 50 states.** |
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| **There are three branches of government.** |
| **Thanksgiving is in November.** |
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| **The White House is in Washington, D.C.** |

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## Dictation Practice

**Directions: Listen to the dictation. Write the two sentences you hear.**

**1.**

**2.**



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## Dictation Practice

**Directions: Listen to the dictation. Write the two sentences you hear.**

**1.**

**2.**

**Name Teacher**

**Date**

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## Dictation Assessment

**Directions: Listen to the dictation. Write the two sentences you hear.**

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