



Alien Citizenship

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Outcomes for Today

- Identify key turning points in the alien-to-citizen process in United States history.
- Explain one or two events/statutes/changes in some depth
- Give examples of how citizenship in the United States is linked to changing ideas about race, empire, and nation.

Unit Questions:

- What is a citizen?
- Who gets to become a citizen?

Part One: What kind of citizens are we?

- We will take the current United States citizenship test together and see how we do.
- Be thinking about the themes that run through the questions; Why these particular questions? How do they reflect what we as a nation today expect from citizens?
- When you are done, we will share some of your observations on the current test.

[United States Citizenship Test](#)

• Part Two: Establishing the history

Each group is to research the requirements and restrictions on alien citizenship in a particular era.

- As you read through the documents, take notes on
 - What are the laws, statutes, regulations, and processes for becoming a citizen?
 - Who gets to be a citizen and who doesn't?
 - How is the process shaped by historical ideas about what kind of nation the United States is and should be?
- Presentations of ideas
 - In your group, design a visual to share with the class that summarizes the important elements of the era.
 - o timeline, poster, venn diagram, other graphic organizer etc.
 - pick one person to share your visual and explain it to the rest of us
- As you listen to and watch the presentations, be thinking of how this compares and contrasts with the time period you studied. Share your thoughts with the group.

Group One: 1790-1869

Group Two: 1870-1905

Group Three: 1906-1964

Group Four: 1965- 2000

Group Five: 2001-present

Documents, websites, articles for each time period:

General

http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/historyonline/immigration_chron.cfm

US Department of Homeland Security: Citizen and Immigration Services:
<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>

Group One: 1790-1869

US Constitution Article 1, Section 8, Clause 4
http://www.usconstitution.net/xconst_A1Sec8.html#C4

1790 and 1795: An Act to Establish A Uniform Rule of Naturalization

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1617002/posts>
[http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?
collId=llsl&fileName=001/llsl001_db&recNum=226](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=llsl&fileName=001/llsl001_db&recNum=226)

Treaties with European nations concerning citizenship:
http://avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/bav02.asp

14th Amendment:
http://www.usconstitution.net/xconst_Am14.html

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
http://www.pbs.org/keras/mexicanwar/war/wars_end_guadalupe.html

1868 Expatriation Act
<http://home.earthlink.net/~walterk1/Patr/US/ExpatriationAct.html>

Group Two: 1870-1905

William McKinley Address, Para 11:
http://avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/harris.asp

Benjamin Harris Address (par 17):
http://avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/harris.asp

Chinese Exclusion Act:
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/chinex.htm>

William Jennings Bryan on Filipino citizenship
<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/blackboard/bran.html>

Senator Beveridge on capacity for self-government
<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/blackboard/beveridge.html>

US v Wong Kim Ark
http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/asian_voices/voices_display.cfm?id=31

Page Law
http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/asian_voices/voices_display.cfm?id=19

Group Three: 1906-1964

Married Women's Nationality
<http://www.answers.com/topic/women-citizenship-of-married>

Insular Cases
<http://www.jrank.org/cultures/pages/4010/Insular-Cases.html>
<http://www.milestonedocuments.com/documents/view/the-insular-cases-downes-v-bidwell/>

Congress, the President, and the Philippines
[http://digital.library.cornell.edu/cgi/t/text/pageviewer-idx?
c=nora;cc=nora;rgn=full%20text;idno=nora0169-6;didno=nora0169-
6;view=image;seq=00902;node=nora0169-6%3A1](http://digital.library.cornell.edu/cgi/t/text/pageviewer-idx?c=nora;cc=nora;rgn=full%20text;idno=nora0169-6;didno=nora0169-6;view=image;seq=00902;node=nora0169-6%3A1)

"I was more of a citizen."
<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/121>

Gentlemen's Agreement
http://web.me.com/joelarkin/MontereyDemographicHistory/Gentlemens_Agreement.html

1924 Immigration Act
http://library.uwb.edu/guides/USImmigration/1924_immigration_act.html
<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5078/>
<http://www.civics-online.org/library/formatted/texts/immigration1924.htm>
<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5079>

US v Bhagat Singh Thind
http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/asian_voices/voices_display.cfm?id=39

Chinese Exclusion Repeal Act, 1943
http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/asian_voices/voices_display.cfm?id=46

Korematsu V United States on the meaning of citizenship
http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/asian_voices/voices_display.cfm?id=47

1952 McCarran-Walter Act
http://library.uwb.edu/guides/USImmigration/1952_immigration_and_nationality_act.html

Group Four 1964-2000

1965 Immigration Act: Intended and Unintended Consequences
[http://www.america.gov/st/educ-
english/2008/April/20080423214226eaifas0.9637982.html](http://www.america.gov/st/educ-english/2008/April/20080423214226eaifas0.9637982.html)

Origins of the 1965 Immigration Act
<http://www.asian-nation.org/1965-immigration-act.shtml>

NPR History of the 1965 Act
<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5391395>

Johnson's Remarks at the signing of the 1965 Immigration Act
<http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/johnson/archives.hom/speeches.hom/651003.asp>

1980 Refugee Act
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/policy/refact1.htm>

Negative Population Growth forum on Refugee Act
http://www.npg.org/forum_series/ref&asylum_policy.htm

Congressional Subcommittee Hearings on Refugee Act
http://www.archive.org/stream/refugeeactof198000unit/refugeeactof198000unit_djvu.txt

Jimmy Carter's Remarks on the Refugee Act
<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=33154>

Senator Kennedy and Immigration
<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2009/0828/kennedy-and-immigration-he-changed-the-face-of-america>

Ronald Reagan's Remarks on the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act
<http://www.reagan.utexas.edu/archives/speeches/1986/110686b.htm>

Pro-Con.org on the 1990 Immigration Act
<http://immigration.procon.org/view.answers.php?questionID=000796>

Group Five: 2001-present

US Patriot Act: <http://epic.org/privacy/terrorism/hr3162.html>

Posthumous citizenship for 9-11 victims:
http://avalon.law.yale.edu/sept11/hr2897_ih.asp

Changes in the US Naturalization Test
http://www.workpermit.com/news/2005_12_07/us/us_citizenship_test_changes.htm

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=7445092>

Birthers
Is McCain a Natural-Born Citizen?
<http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract-id=1157621#>

Citizenship in US Territories:

Governor of Samoa
http://americansamoa.gov/tap08/citizenship_bill.htm

Congressional bill on Samoan citizenship
<http://www.rnzi.com/pages/news.php?op=read&id=38656>

Nationals v citizens Samoa
<http://www.doi.gov/oia/Islandpages/asgpage.htm>

US Army Samoan
<http://www.samoanews.com/viewstory.php?storyid=12883>

1999 Puerto Rican Citizenship Editorial
<http://www.puertorico-herald.org/issues/vol3n24/Citizenship-en.html>

2010 Puerto Rican-Born US citizen detained
<http://www.nbc-2.com/global/story.asp?s=12547440>

San Juan News on Gonzalez case
<http://wapedia.mobi/en/File:TheSanJuanNews.jpg>

Alien Citizenship Note Taking

As you research your given time period, consider how the documents address the following questions:

- What are the laws, statutes, regulations, and processes for becoming a citizen?
- Who gets to be a citizen and who doesn't?
- How is the process shaped by historical ideas about what kind of nation the United States is and should be?
- What are the main themes and issues that you observe running through the history of alien citizenship in the United States?

To help you organize your thoughts and your research before you work together as a group to create your visual presentation, you might find it helpful to organize your notes into a web that connects the main topic to sub-topics and key events.