

Chapter 1: Americans, Citizenship, and Governments

Lesson 1: Being an American

- Read Pages 4-10
- Define each of the **YELLOW** terms
- Answer questions 1-6 on page 10

"Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government."--
Thomas Jefferson

Explain...

Lesson 2: Becoming a citizen

What is civics?

- The study of the rights & responsibilities of the citizen

Roots of Citizenship

- 2 ways to earn
- 1st: be born on US soil (ANCHOR BABY PROBLEM)
- 2nd: go through naturalization process
 - Be 18 years old, live in US legally for 5 years, have good moral character, read/speak/write English, take citizenship test, take the oath
 - If they have children under 18, automatic citizens

Natural-Born Citizens

Naturalized

Losing Citizenship

Foreign-born Residents

- Aliens

- not citizens
- Resident or nonresident

Refugees

Illegal Aliens

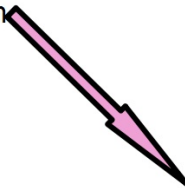
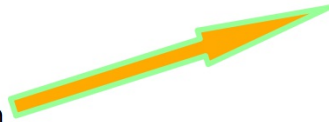
→ Any alien who is given safe haven from persecution in homeland
* 1 million per year



From your perspective, what is a good citizen? What personality traits do they have? What sorts of behaviors do they exhibit?

Lesson 3: Duties & Responsibilities of American Citizens

- Obey laws
- Pay taxes
- Defend the nation
- Serve jury duty
- Educate yourself
- Be informed and active citizen
- Respect the rights of others
- Contribute to the Common Good
- Spirit of volunteerism



Lesson 4: Forms of Government

- The Importance of Government
 - Keep and provide security
 - Provide services
 - Guide the community via public policy

Levels of Government:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Types of Government:

1. Democratic Government

2. Authoritarian Government

Systems of Government:

1. Federal System

2. Confederal System

3. Unitary System

