

Pillar 1: Civic Knowledge

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

<https://www.uscis.gov/us-citizenship/naturalization-test>

This U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services hosted website offers a comprehensive collection of materials and resources on how to become a naturalized citizen.

Study Materials for the Civics Test

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/study-test/study-materials-civics-test>

This U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services site contains an official list of civics questions and answers for the naturalization test, a practice test, flash cards, and other study resources to prepare applicants for the test.

Citizenship Resource Center

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship>

This official website of the Department of Homeland Security is a comprehensive site for learners, educators, and organizations. The teacher section includes lesson plans, training seminars, professional development, and links to supplemental resources.

The United States House of Representatives

<https://www.house.gov/>

Along with detailed explanations of the branches of government and the legislative process, the site offers other valuable information such as a listing of all House of Representative members, current legislative activity, and the ability to view live House proceedings.

The United States Senate

<https://www.senate.gov/>

Similar to the United States House of Representatives website, updated information on Senate activities, including access to live Senate proceedings, is available.

United States Government Publishing Office

<https://www.govinfo.gov/>

This government publishing site provides free public access to official publications from all three branches of the Federal Government.

The Annenberg Classroom

<https://www.annenbergclassroom.org/>

The Annenberg Classroom's free resources include videos on constitutional concepts, Supreme Court cases, games, lesson plans, timelines, downloadable books, and a US Constitution guide.

Civics Renewal Network

<https://www.civicsrenewalnetwork.org/>

The Civics Renewal Network is a consortium of nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations committed to strengthening civic life in the United States by increasing the quality of civics education in our nation's classrooms and by improving accessibility to high-quality, no-cost learning materials.

Historical Society of Pennsylvania

<https://hsp.org/>

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania's collection contains materials from over the centuries to the present day, documenting the lives of ordinary and extraordinary people, fulfilling our mission to make history relevant and exhilarating for all.

Library of Congress Classroom

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/>

The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps and manuscripts in its collections. The Library is the main research arm of the U.S. Congress and the home of the U.S. Copyright Office.

Museum of the American Revolution

<http://www.amrevmuseum.org/>

The Museum of the American Revolution has an impressive collection of several thousand objects, works of art, manuscripts, and printed works from the period of the American Revolution.

The National Constitution Center

<https://constitutioncenter.org/>

The National Constitution Center brings together people of all ages and perspectives, across America and around the world, to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution.

The National Archives Administration

<https://www.archives.gov/>

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's record keeper. Documents and materials created in the course of business conducted by the United States Federal government are available on this site.

The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement

<https://www.rendellcenter.org/>

Promoting civic education and engagement, the Rendell Center offers opportunities and resources for educators, students and the broader community to develop the knowledge, practices and dispositions of engaged citizenship.

Senator John Heinz History Center

<https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/>

Known as the Smithsonian's home in Pennsylvania the Heinz History Center engages and inspires a diverse audience with links to the past, understanding in the present, and guidance for the future by preserving regional history and presenting the American experience with a Western Pennsylvania connection."

The Supreme Court of the United States

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/>

The Court is the highest tribunal in the Nation for all cases and controversies arising under the Constitution or the laws of the United States. The website provides historical and current information on the arguments, decisions and opinions of the court.

Supreme Court Of The United States (SCOTTUS) Blog

<https://www.scotusblog.com/>

SCOTUSblog is devoted to covering the U.S. Supreme Court comprehensively, without bias and in accordance with the highest journalistic and legal ethical standards. The blog is provided as a public service.

The United States Courts

<https://www.uscourts.gov/>

The U.S. Courts website offers educational information and current happenings in the Federal Courts. Maintained by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts on behalf of the Federal Judiciary, this site is designed to provide information from and about the judicial branch of the U.S. Government.