A Citizenship Quiz in Honor of Native American Heritage Month
Focus: Recent Native American History and Legislation

1. In 1978, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) was passed to protect and preserve the traditional religious rights and cultural practices of Native Americans including access to sacred sites and use and possession of objects considered sacred. What is freedom of religion? (10)

2. In 1988, Concurrent Resolution 331 acknowledged the contributions of the Iroquois Confederacy to the development of the US Constitution. What does the Constitution do? (2)

3. In 1990, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) was passed which requires federal agencies and institutions (such as schools and museums) to return "cultural items" to Indian tribes and their descendants. Who makes federal laws? (16)

4. In 1998, Wilma Pearl Mankiller (Cherokee) was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. As her nation’s first female chief, she pursued a series of self-help projects (literacy, drinking water, hydroelectric plant) which greatly improved her tribe. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence? (9)

5. In 2004, the National Museum of the American Indian (nmai.si.edu) was opened on the National Mall as "a living memorial to Native Americans." What is the capital of the United States?* (94)

6. In 2010, Elouise Cobell (Blackfeet) won a class-action lawsuit against the US Dept. of Interior and the Dept. of Treasury. The court found that the government had been mismanaged tribal lands and funds. Land is currently being re-purchased and returned to the tribes. What does the judicial branch do? (37)

7. In 2013, the Violence Against Women Act strengthened the protection of Native women: now tribes can prosecute non-Natives who commit crimes on Indian land. What is the “rule of law”? (12)

8. In 2014, Suzan Shown HARjo (Cheyenne and Hodulgee Muscogee Creek) received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She campaigned for the passage of the AIRFA, NAGPRA, and the NMAI. She also works on convincing sports teams to drop names that promote negative stereotypes of Native Americans. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy? (55)

9. Early 2016, US Judge Diane J. Humetewa (Hopi) was on President Obama's short-list for an appointment to the nation's highest court. What is the highest court in the United States? (38)

10. In the summer of 2016, the Standing Rock Sioux began a protest against construction of the Dakota Access oil pipeline. The Sioux are concerned that the pipeline will harm their drinking water and land. The pipeline company claims that the pipeline will provide jobs and reduce dependence on foreign oil. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States? (51)