01. The Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights Trail memorializes three marches in March 1965 on behalf of voting rights. **What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?** *(06)*
   a) Assembly  
   b) Healthcare  
   c) Jobs  
   d) Privacy

02. In 1839, Africans slaves revolted on a ship, La Amistad. John Quincy Adams defended the Africans based on the inalienable rights stated in the Declaration of Independence. **What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?** *(09)*
   a) Life, liberty  
   b) Peace, prosperity  
   c) Property, profits  
   d) Speech, press

03. The African Methodist Episcopal Church was started by free blacks in Philadelphia (1816) so that they could worship in freedom and without discrimination. **What is freedom of religion?** *(10)*
   a) You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.  
   b) You cannot practice any religion.  
   c) You must practice a religion.  
   d) You must practice Christianity.

04. Madam C. J. Walker started a company that made beauty products for African-Americans and became the first female self-made millionaire in America. **What is the economic system in the United States?** *(11)*
   a) communist economy  
   b) cash-only economy  
   c) market economy  
   d) socialist economy

05. Hiram Rhodes Revels was the first African-American elected to Congress, representing the State of Mississippi in the US Senate (1869-1871). **Who makes federal laws?** *(16)*
   a) The Congress  
   b) The House of Representatives  
   c) The Senate  
   d) The State Legislature

06. Blanche Kelso Bruce, the only Senator to be a former slave, was the first African-American to serve a full term as a US Senator. **We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?** *(19)*
   a) Two (2)  
   b) Four (4)  
   c) Six (6)  
   d) Nine (9)

07. Carol Moseley Braun was the first African-American woman elected to the US Senate, representing the State of Illinois (1993-1999). **Who is one of your state’s U.S. Senators now?** *(20)*
   a) Cory Booker  
   b) Mo Cowan  
   c) Tim Scott  
   d) Other __________________

08. Shirley Chisolm (NY-12) and Barbara Jordan (TX-18) were the first African-American women elected to the House of Representatives. **Name your U.S. Representative.** *(23)*
   a) Barbara Lee  
   b) Karen Bass  
   c) Maxine Waters  
   d) Other __________________
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09. The current president is the first African-African elected to lead the United States. What is the name of the President of the United States now? (28)
   a) Bill Clinton  
   b) George W. Bush  
   c) Barack Obama  
   d) George H.W. Bush

10. Several African-Americans currently serve in President Obama's Cabinet: Attorney General Eric Holder heads the Department of Justice; and Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Charles Johnson, oversees 22 agencies, including the USCIS. What are two Cabinet-level positions? (36)
   a) the Mayor of Washington DC  
   b) the Secretary of State  
   c) the Secretary of the Treasury  
   d) the Speaker of the House

11. Thurgood Marshall was an important Civil Rights lawyer and was the first African-American to serve as a US Supreme Court Associate Justice. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now? (40)
   a) Clarence Thomas  
   b) Elena Kagan  
   c) John G. Roberts, Jr  
   d) Warren Burger

12. Douglas Wilder of Virginia was the first African-American elected as a state governor (1990-1994). Who is the Governor of your state now? (43)
   a) Bobby Jindal  
   b) Deval Patrick  
   c) Nikki Haley  
   d) Other __________________

13. From 1757-1965, some states tried to stop African-Americans from voting. Today, there are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them. (48)
   15th Amendment: A male citizen of any race can vote. (1870)
   19th Amendment: A female citizen of any race can vote. (1920)
   24th Amendment: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (1964)
   26th Amendment: Citizens 18 years and older can vote. (1971)
   a) You must show a photo ID to vote.  
   b) You don’t have to pay a poll tax to vote.  
   c) You don’t have to pay state taxes to vote  
   d) You must pay a small fee or tax to vote.

14. On Jun 11, 2008, Boston Red Sox fans were proud to watch their hero, David "Big Papi" Ortiz, a black Dominican-American baseball player, take the Oath of Allegiance with 226 new US Citizens. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen? (53)
   a. be loyal to a team  
   b. serve (do important work for) the nation  
   c. be tested for illegal drugs  
   d. serve on the board for a charity

15. In 1964, Fanny Lou Hamer organized Freedom Summer for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. SNCC volunteers helped African-Americans to register to vote. Their bravery inspired the Voting Rights Act of 1965. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy? (55)
   a) join a racist organization  
   b) publicly support or oppose an issue or policy  
   c) use violence to stop people from voting  
   d) vote

Congratulations! I know you will be a great American citizen!