A Citizenship Quiz in honor of German-American Heritage Day

1. On October 6, 1863 the first group of German families landed in Philadelphia, 1683. This is day in now commemorated as German-American Day. **What is one reason colonists came to America?**

2. In 1733, John Paul Zenger, a German-born printer, was arrested for printing a newspaper that criticized the colonial governor. His court case established _____________ in America. **What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?**

3. Baron Friedrich von Steuben was a German-born military officer who trained the Continental Army and became General Washington’s Chief of Staff. **Why did the colonists fight the British?**

4. In 1853, Levis Strauss moved to California from Germany to open a store. He created a new kind of work pants, the Levis 501 Blue Jeans. Today, millions of people wear 501s. **What is the economic system in the United States?**

5. Thomas Nast was a German-born journalist, whose political cartons caused people to laugh at corrupt politicians. He popularized the donkey and elephant as symbols of the two major US political parties. **What are the two major political parties in the United States?**

6. Eric Marie Remarque was a German soldier during WWI. After the war, he wrote *All Quiet on the Western Front*, which describes the horrors of war, and later immigrated to the US. **Who was President during World War I?**

7. After Pearl Harbor was bombed, the US government incarcerated Japanese families, as well as pro-nationalist German- and Italian-Americans. **Who did the United States fight in World War II?**

8. In 1933, German physicist Albert Einstein immigrated to the United to escape persecution by the Nazis. He worked on the Atomic Bomb that helped end WWII. **What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?**

9. One of the most controversial members of the Cabinet, German-born Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, opened up diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and China, while at the same time expanded the war in South-East Asia. He still helps Presidents from both parties. **What does the President’s Cabinet do?**

10. In 1989, the Berlin Wall, the symbol of the Cold War between the East and the West, fell and Germany was re-unified. **During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?**