

Sample Syllabus for Citizenship Class

Course description: This class will help students prepare for naturalization as US citizens via a detailed study of the application form (N-400), civics questions, and required reading and writing vocabulary. It will help the students in learning English that is specific to the naturalization process, using reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

Materials to be provided by company: Copies of the application for naturalization (N-400); copies of the civics questions and reading and writing required vocabularies; and handouts, worksheets, and comprehension checks related to the topics being studied.

Note: This syllabus is subject to revision.

Week 1

Introduction: The immigration process and the four parts of the interview.

N-400. Parts 1-5. Vocabulary: *nickname, middle name, maiden name, alias, individual, disability, impairment, residence, current physical address, current mailing address, previous*

Grammar point: Wh- questions. Verbs: to be, to live

Civics questions: Principles of American Democracy, questions 1-7, 10-12 Vocabulary: *supreme, rule, amendment*

Required vocabulary: Introduce students to the reading and writing vocabulary.

Week 3, January 19

N-400. Review of first five parts. Discuss Parts 6-8.

Grammar point: WH- questions.

Civics questions. Questions 10-12. Review vocabulary: *supreme, rule, amendment*. Explain 3-part structure of government; begin section on Congress. Questions 13, 16-25, 47. Show how to find state representatives.

Required vocabulary. Review of reading/writing vocabulary. Demonstration of grouping words for study. Distribute dictation sentences; easy practice.

Week 3

N-400. Questions related to travel, including "how many...?"

Grammar Point. How many? as part of WH- questions set

Civics questions. Continuation of government structure (executive branch). Questions 14, 15, 26-36.

Required vocabulary. Reading and writing sentences. Sample of dictation.

Week 4

N-400. Parts 10 – 12, questions 1 through 5. Explanation of paperwork required in case of multiple marriages, divorce, etc. Vocabulary: *spouse, marital status, widowed, separated, annulled biological, deceased, missing, stepchildren, adopted. Have you ever? claimed, registered, voted, hereditary title/order of nobility, legally incompetent/mental institution. Review of nickname, alias, maiden name.*

Study skills. How do we explain these words in English?

Civics questions. Outline system of government, review Congress and President, teach judicial. Stress WH- questions.

Comprehension Check: Match proper names with government positions. Work in pairs.

Required vocabulary: dictation practice.

Week 5

Part 1: N-400, part 12, 6-13C. Vocabulary: *owe/overdue, organization, Communist government, persecute, totalitarian, terrorist, advocate, overthrow, persecute, Nazi.*

Civics questions. State and federal government, political parties. Questions 41-45.

Required vocabulary: dictation practice.

Week 6

N-400. Part 12, questions 14-30 A-I. Vocabulary: *genocide, torture, hurting, sexual contact/relations, military unit, paramilitary, rebel, guerrilla, militia, insurgent, prison/jail, detention, habitual drunkard, prostitute, smuggled, illegal drugs, illegal gambling, pay alimony, misrepresentation.*

Teach in clusters and show relationships in 14A-F, 15A-I, 16A-E.

Civics questions: Early American history, questions 58-70 and 8-9.

Required vocabulary: dictation practice.

Week 7

N-400. Review of Part 12, questions, 22-30A-I. Vocabulary

Civics questions. 1800s history, questions 71-77.

Required vocabulary: dictation practice.

Week 8

N-400. Part 12, questions 31 - 44. Vocabulary: *fraudulent/false, removed/excluded/deported, armed forces.*

Civics questions: Recent American History, questions 78-87; Rights and Responsibilities, questions 48-57.

Required vocabulary: dictation practice.

Week 9

N-400. Part 12, questions 45-50. Oath of Allegiance and importance in interview.

Civics questions: Geography and symbols, questions 88 – 100.

Required vocabulary: dictation practice.

Week 10

Final questions and review.

