

LVCA TUTOR WORKSHOP
CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION AND CIVICS FOR DAILY LIFE

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Workshop Goals

- Citizenship Preparation
 - ▣ Naturalization Process
 - ▣ Resources / Online and LVCA Library
 - ▣ Sample Lesson Plan
- Civics for Daily Life
 - ▣ Community Activities
 - ▣ Resources / Online & LVCA Library (Health Education)
 - ▣ Sample Health Lesson Plans
 - ▣ Other Resources

Citizenship Preparation: Eligibility

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a permanent resident (have a "green card") for at least 5 years
- Meet certain continuous residency requirements
- Be able to read, write, and speak basic English
- Have a basic understanding of U.S. history and government
- Be a person of good moral character and demonstrate an attachment to the principles of the U.S. Constitution.

Citizenship Preparation: Process

- Study for the interview and test
- Submit N-400 application for naturalization
- Go to the biometrics appointment
- Complete the interview and test
- After passing the test, take the Oath of Allegiance

Citizenship Preparation: Test

- Applicants must:
 - ▣ Correctly answer 6 out of 10 questions about U.S. history, government, symbols, holidays, and geography. To prepare, applicants must study 100 possible questions; and
 - ▣ Correctly read 1 sentence (3 chances); and
 - ▣ Correctly write 1 dictated sentence (3 chances).

Citizenship Preparation: Questions

Would you pass?

1. Who is the "Father of our Country"?
2. When was the Constitution written?
3. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
4. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?
5. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?
6. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?

Citizenship Preparation: Resources

- USCIS Citizenship Resource Center
- <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/citizenship>

Citizenship Preparation: Resources

- From the LVCA Library:
 - ▣ Citizenship: Civics and Literacy / Weintraub
 - ▣ Citizenship: Ready for the Interview / Weintraub
 - ▣ LVCA booklet: Preparing for the U.S. Citizenship Interview
 - ▣ USCIS flash cards and related materials

Citizenship Preparation: Lesson Plan

- Thanksgiving / Beginning Level Lesson from the Citizenship Resource Center
- <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/citizenship>

Civics for Daily Life

Civics for Daily Life: What is it?

- Improving employment and job skills
- Preparing for teacher conferences
- Getting a driver's license
- Registering to vote
- Opening a bank account
- Getting legal assistance
- Obtaining social services
- Learning about American holidays and traditions
- Getting health services and adopting healthy habits

Civics for Daily Life: Community

- **Activity: Walking tour of the Downtown Mall**
 - ▣ City Hall
 - ▣ Visitor Center and Transit Station
 - ▣ First Amendment Monument
 - ▣ Post Office

How would you prepare? What vocabulary would you practice?

Civics for Daily Life: Community

- **Activity: Visiting the Vinegar Hill Café**

How would you role play before going to the café?

[LVCA video / financial literacy](#)

Civics for Daily Life: Community

- **Activity: Field trip to the central library and applying for a library card**

What activities and vocabulary would you practice before going to the library? How could you help your student find more information about getting a library card?

Civics for Daily Life: Health

- **Health Resources: Online**

Virginia Adult ESOL Health Literacy Toolkit / <http://www.valrc.org/toolkit/index.html>

Project Shine Health Literacy Curriculum / <http://www.projectshine.org>

Civics for Daily Life: Health

- **Health Resources: LVCA Library**
 - ▣ Health Stories / Ann Gianola
 - ▣ LVCA Health Literacy Materials Binder
 - ▣ News for You
 - ▣ Talk of the Block: Health

Civics for Daily Life: Lesson Plans

- **Survival English / Mosteller and Paul: Unit 4: Health**
- **Project Shine Health Curriculum: Making Appointments**

Civics for Daily Life: Online

- **Short, ready-to-use, on-line civics lessons:**
 - ▣ EL Civics for ESL Students / <http://www.elcivics.com>

Civics for Daily Life: LVCA Library

Explore the LVCA library! We have materials to help your student:

- ▣ Study for a driver's license
- ▣ Improve job skills
- ▣ Manage money
- ▣ Navigate the health system
- ▣ Find other opportunities to study English

We are happy to help!
