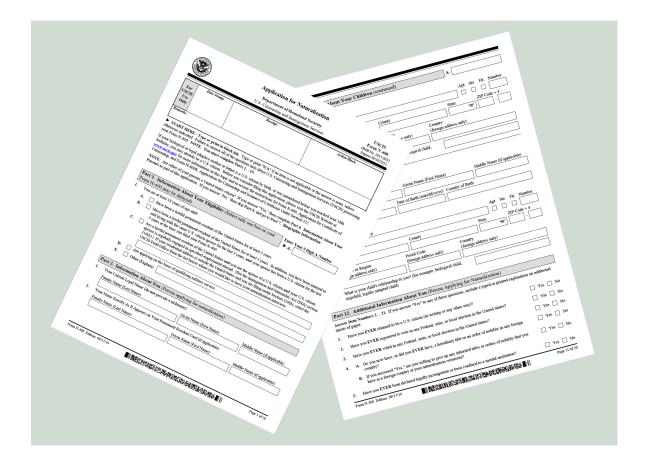
Preparing for the Citizenship Interview: N-400, Reading & Writing



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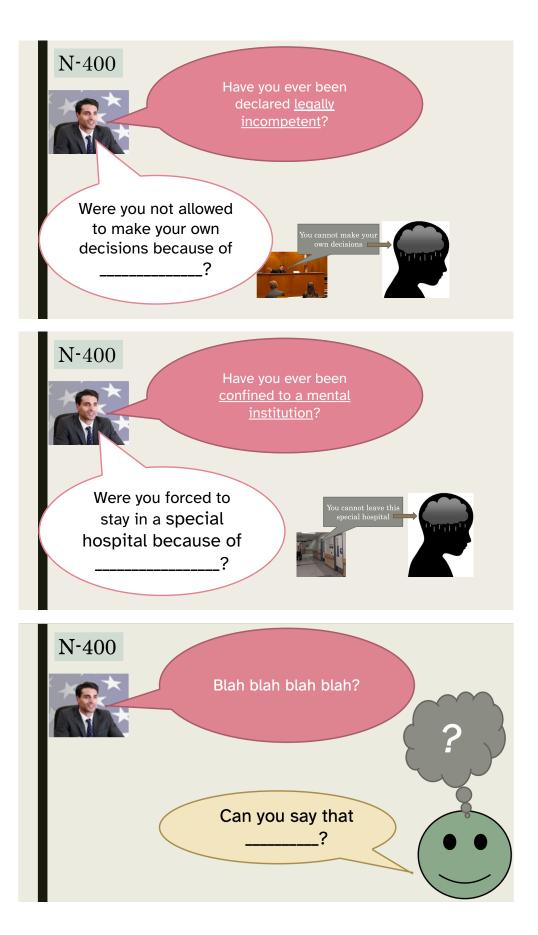
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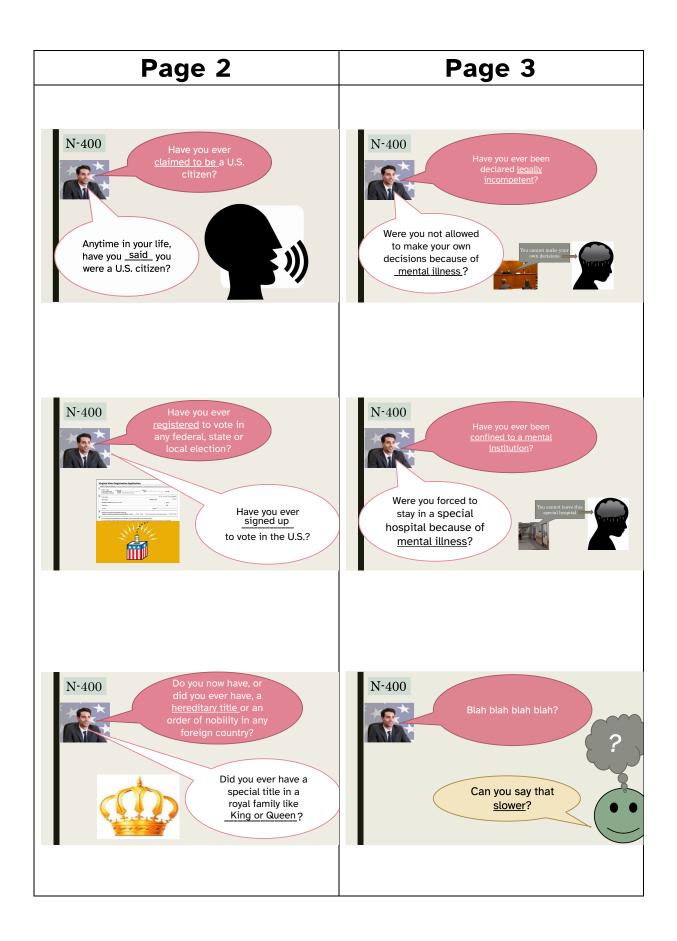
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Week 1 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
claimed	said	
registered	signed up	Winginia Votar Registration Application
hereditary title	special title in a royal family like King or Queen	
legally incompetent	person who cannot make their own decisions because of mental illness	You cannot make your own decisions
confined to a mental institution	forced to stay in a special hospital for mental illness	You cannot leave this special hospital







Reading Practice:

- 1. What is the largest state?
- 2. What is the capital of our country?
- 3. What state has the most people?
- 4. What country is north of the United States?
- 5. Where does Congress meet?

Writing Practice:

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2. Washington, D.C. is the ______.

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3. _____ has the most people.

4. ______ is north of the United States.

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	capital	

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- California

• Canada

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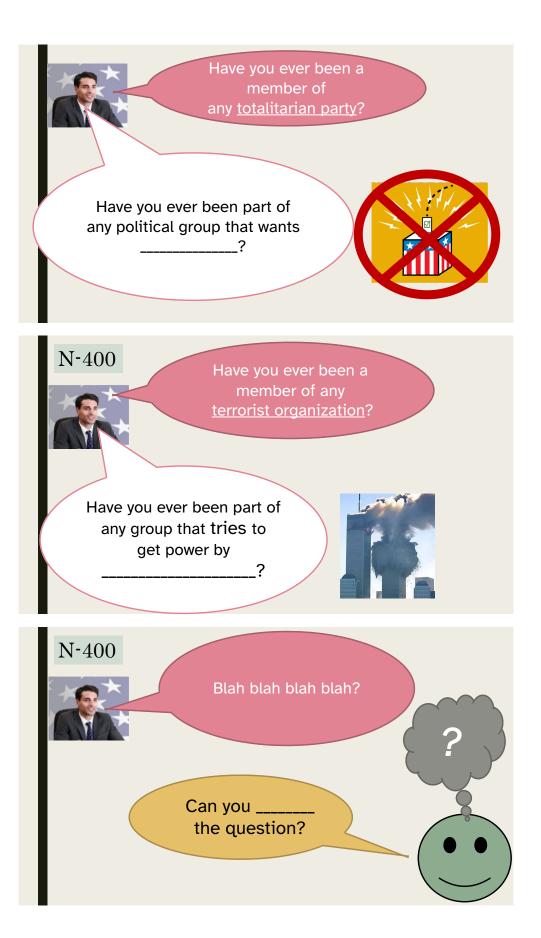
Week 2 writing sentences:

- 1. The largest state is Alaska.
- 2. Washington, D.C. is the capital.
- 3. California has the most people.
- 4. Canada is north of the United States.
- 5. Congress meets in Washington, D.C.

Week 2 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
overdue	late	April
filed a tax return	sent in your tax form	The second secon
Communist Party	political group that wants government to own all businesses	No.
totalitarian party	political group that wants total power	
terrorist organization	group that tries to get power by making people afraid	







Reading Practice:

- 1. What was the first capital of the U.S.?
- 2. When was Abraham Lincoln president?
- 3. When is Presidents Day?
- 4. When is Independence Day?
- 5. Who can vote for president?

Writing Practice:

1. The first	_ was
	during the
3	is in February.
4	is in July.
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Presidents Day	Independence Day	New York City
		Civil War
		citizen

• President

- Presidents Day
- Independence Day
- New York City
- Civil War

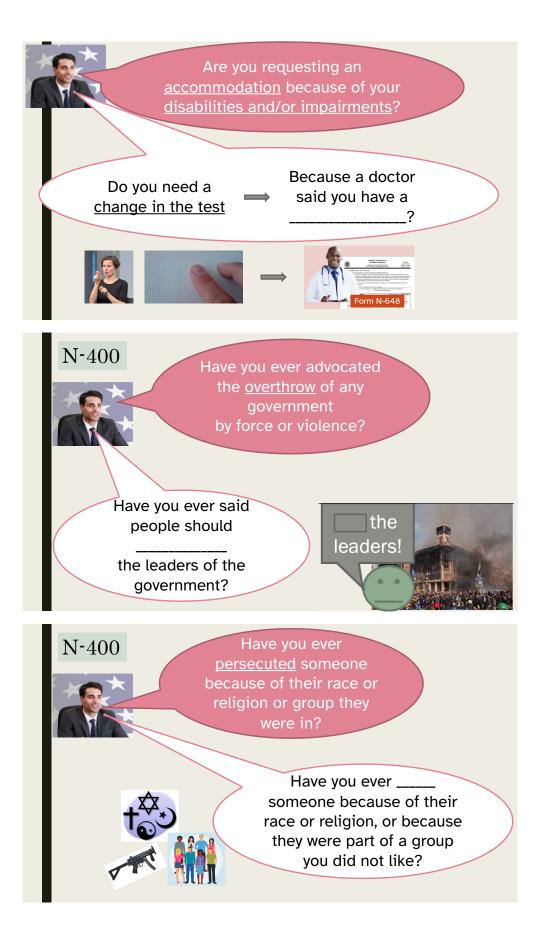
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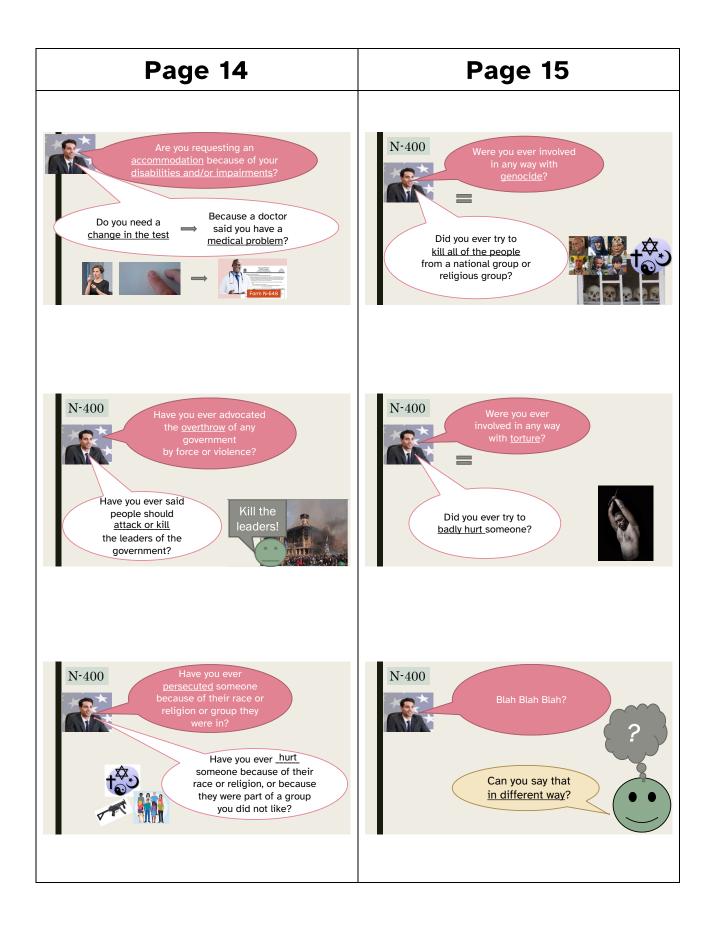
- 1. The first capital was New York City.
- 2. Lincoln was President during the Civil War.
- 3. Presidents Day is in February.
- 4. Independence Day is in July.
- 5. Citizens can vote.

Week 3 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
accommodation	a change in how you take the test because of a disability	
overthrow	attack or kill the leaders of the government	Kill the leaders!
persecuted	hurt someone because of their religion or a group they are in	
genocide	killing all of the people from a group	
torture	badly hurting someone	







Reading Practice:

- 1. What country is south of the United States?
- 2. When is Thanksgiving?
- 3. When is Columbus Day?
- 4. What do people pay?
- 5. Who elects the President?

Writing Practice:

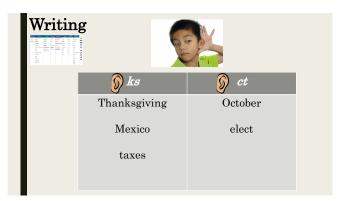
1	is south of the United States.
2	_ is in November.
3. Columbus Day is in	

4. People pay _____.

5. ______.

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- taxes
- Mexico
- Thanksgiving

• October

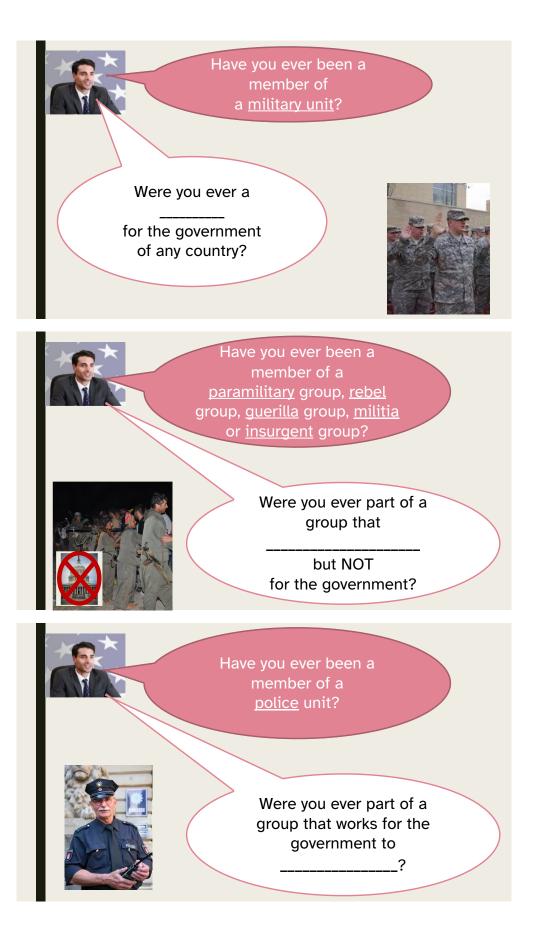
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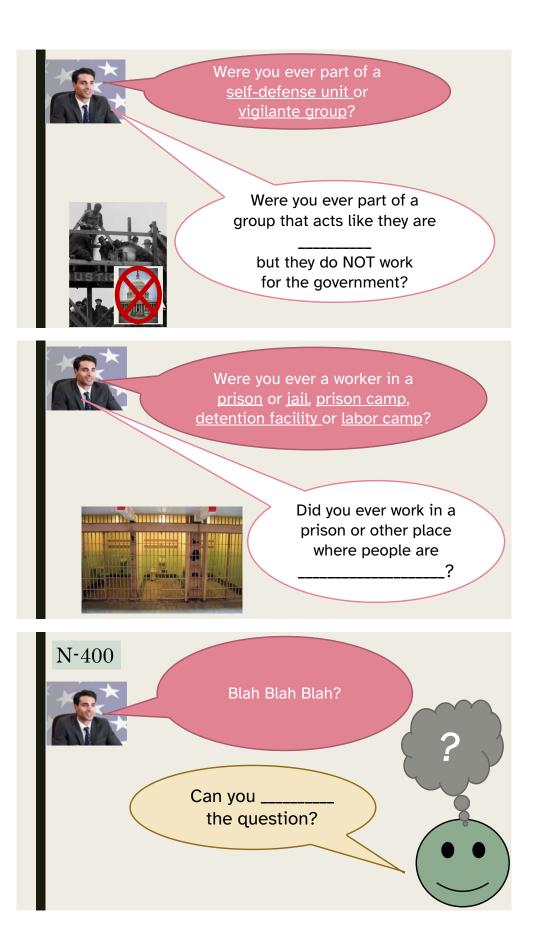
Week 4 writing sentences:

- 1. Mexico is south of the United States.
- 2. Thanksgiving is in November.
- 3. Columbus Day is in October.
- 4. People pay taxes.
- 5. Citizens elect the President.

Week 4 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
military unit	soldiers working for the government	
militia, paramilitary, rebel, guerilla or insurgent group	groups that fight with guns but NOT for the government	
police	people who work for the government to stop crime	
self-defense or vigilante unit	groups that act like they are police, but they do NOT work for the government	
prison, jail, prison camp, labor camp, detention facility	place where people are forced to stay	







Reading Practice:

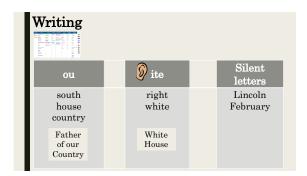
- 1. Who was George Washington?
- 2. What country is south of the U.S.?
- 3. Name one right in the Bill of Rights.
- 4. Who lived in the White House?
- 5. When is Presidents Day?

Writing Practice:

1. Washington was the ______.

	is of the United State	
3. One	is freedom of speech.	
	_ lived in the	
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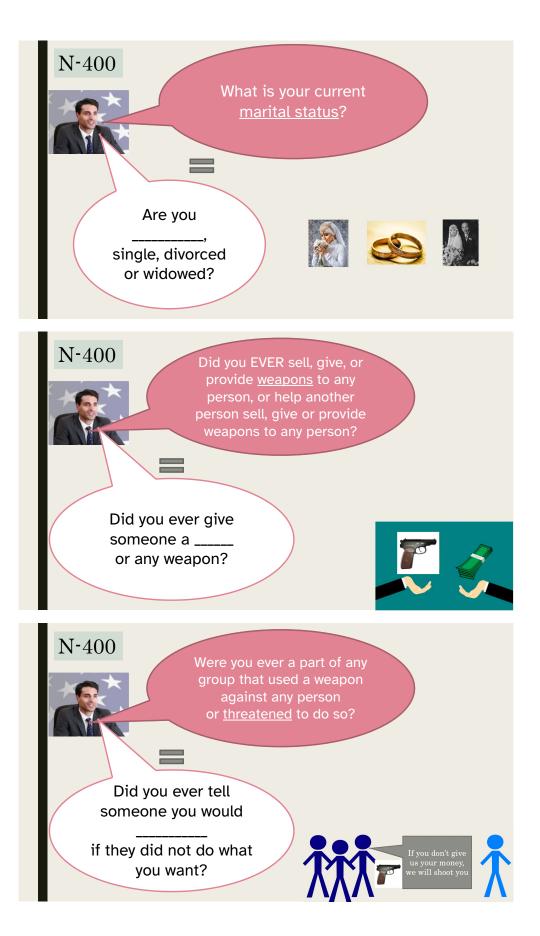
- south
- White House
- Father of our Country
- right
- Lincoln
- February

Week 5 writing sentences:

- 1. Washington was the Father of our Country.
- 2. Mexico is south of the United States.
- 3. One right is freedom of speech.
- 4. Lincoln lived in the White House.
- 5. Presidents Day is in February.

Week 5 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
marital status	single, married, divorced, widowed	
weapon	gun or bomb	
threaten	say you will hurt someone if they do not do what you want	If you don't give us your money, we will shoot you
training	classes	
combat	fight in a war	







Reading Practice:

- 1. How many Senators do we have?
- 2. When is Thanksgiving?
- 3. Who is on the dollar bill?
- 4. When is Labor Day?
- 5. What do people in the U.S. pay?

Writing Practice:

1. We have 100 _____.

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3. Washington is on the ______.

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4. ______. ________. 5. ______.

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dollar bill	September	Labor Day	during
	October	Senators	
	November		

- September
- November
- Labor Day
- Senators
- dollar bill

• during

Week 6 writing sentences:

- 1. We have 100 Senators.
- 2. Thanksgiving is in November.
- 3. Washington is on the dollar bill.
- 4. Labor Day is during September.
- 5. People pay taxes.

Week 6 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
committed a crime	did something illegal	
arrested	police put you in handcuffs	
cited	police gave you a ticket	
convicted	A judge says you did the crime	
alternative sentencing	You do not go to jail. You have to help the community.	







Reading Practice:

- 1. What state has the most people?
- 2. What is the largest state?
- 3. Who lived here first?
- 4. What was the first state?
- 5. When was Abraham Lincoln president?

Writing Practice:

1. California has the _____ people.

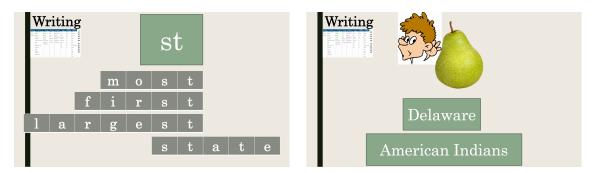
2. Alaska is the		
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5. ______.

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- largest
- state
- Delaware

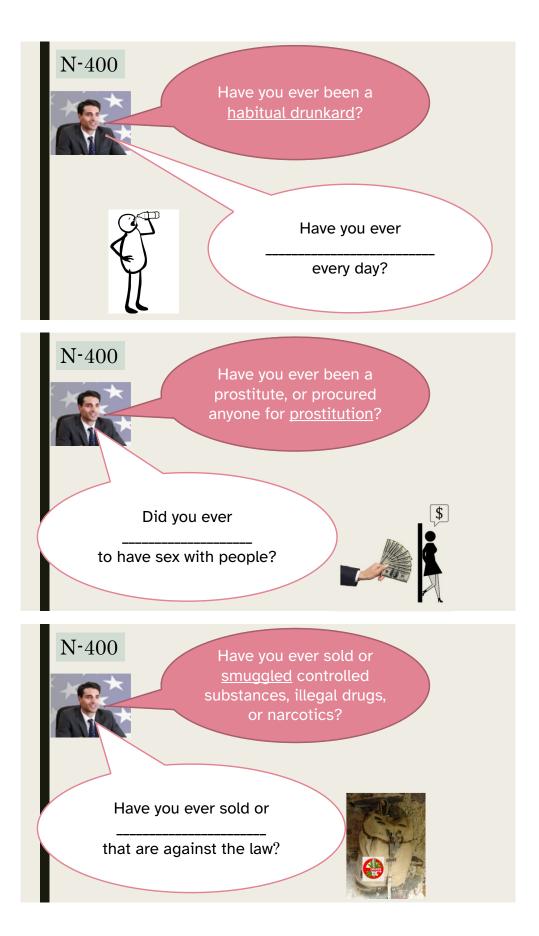
• American Indians

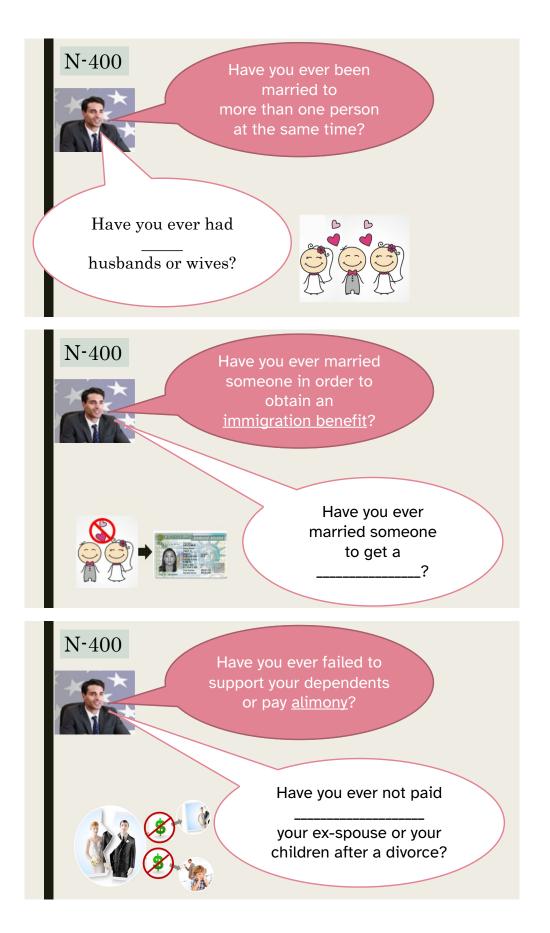
Week 7 writing sentences:

- 1. California has the most people.
- 2. The largest state is Alaska.
- 3. American Indians lived here first.
- 4. Delaware was the first state.
- 5. Lincoln was president during the Civil War.

Week 7 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
habitual drunkard	someone who drinks too much alcohol every day	
prostitution	get or give money to have sex	
smuggled	carried something illegal	
immigration benefit	green card	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PERMANENT RESIDENT STCLED INT 31 49 4767 SPECIMEN USCISE DOCIODO-001 Contry of Birth USCISE Dot of Birth USCISE Date of Birth USCISE Dot al Birth Sex DJ JAN 1920 F Category DS 40 F Category DS 40 F Category F Category DS 40 F Category DS 40 F Category DS 40 F Category DS 40 F Category DS 40 F Category DS 40 Category DS 40 Category DS 40 F Category DS 40 Category DS 40 Category DS 40 Category DS 40 Category DS 40 DS 40 Category DS 40 Category DS 40 Category DS 40 Category DS 40 DS 40
alimony	If you get a divorce, money you pay to help your ex-spouse	







Reading Practice:

- 1. Why do people want to be a citizen?
- 2. Name one right in the Bill of Rights.
- 3. Where does Congress meet?
- 4. How many states are in America?
- 5. Why do people come here?

Writing Practice:

1. _____ want to vote.

2. One right is ______.

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3. Congress ______ in Washington, D.C.

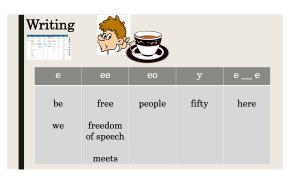
4. _____ have ______.

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- meets
- people
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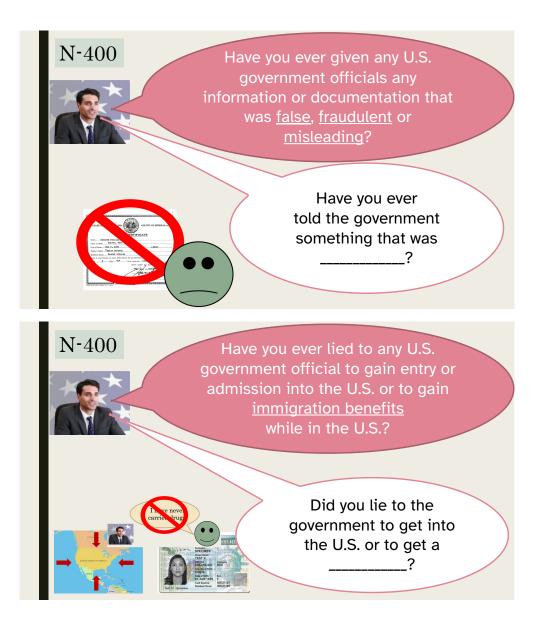
Week 8 writing sentences:

- 1. People want to vote.
- 2. One right is freedom of speech.
- 3. Congress meets in Washington, D.C.
- 4. We have fifty states. OR We have 50 states.
- 5. People come here to be free.

Week 8 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
enter the U.S. illegally	come to the US when they are not allowed	
gambled	bet money on a game	
misrepresentation	not true	
false, fraudulent or misleading	not true	
lied	said something that is not true	have new sidone th







Reading Practice:

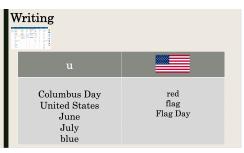
- 1. When is Independence Day?
- 2. When is Columbus Day?
- 3. Name the colors in the American Flag.
- 4. When is Flag Day?
- 5. What was the first the capital of the government?

Writing Practice:

1. Independence Day is in _____.

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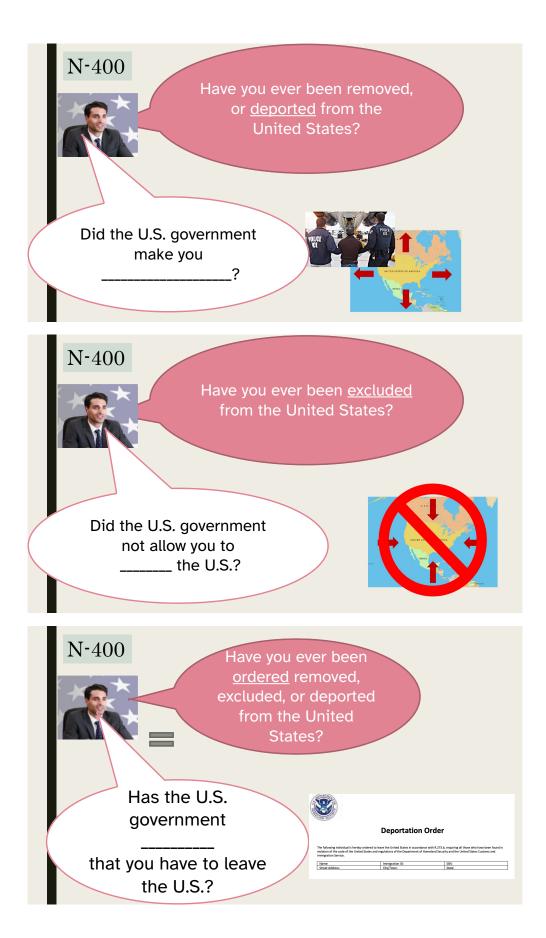
- Columbus Day
- United States
- June
- July
- blue
- red
- Flag Day

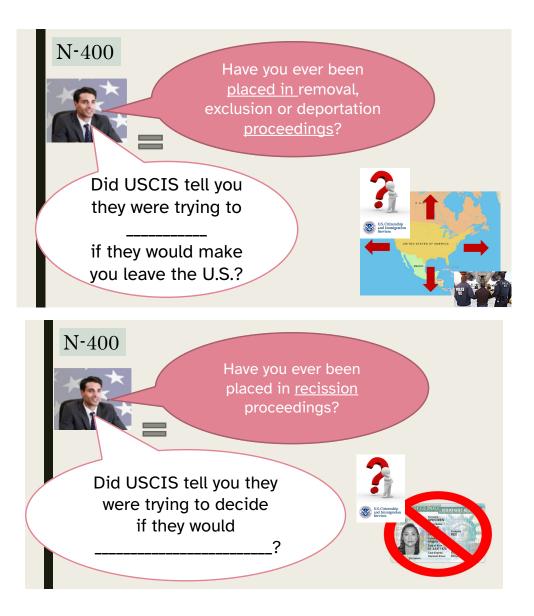
Week 9 writing sentences:

- 1. Independence Day is in July.
- 2. Columbus Day is in October.
- 3. The flag is red, white and blue.
- 4. Flag Day is in June.
- 5. New York City was the first capital of the United States.

Week 9 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
deported or deportation	made you leave the U.S.	
removed or removal	made you leave the U.S.	
excluded or exclusion	not allowed to enter the U.S.	
ordered	U.S. government told you something that you have to do	Deportation Order The following individual is hereby ordered to leave the United States in accordance with R273.0, requiring all those who have been found in violation of the code of the United States and regulations of the Department of Homeland Security and the United States Castoms and Immigration Service. Immigration Service. Immigration ID: \$58: Street Address: City/Town: \$state.
recission	U.S. government takes away your green card	State State State State State State State State







Reading Practice:

- 1. Who was the Father of our Country?
- 2. Name the city where the President lives.
- 3. What country is north of the United States?
- 4. Who was the second President?
- 5. Who lived here first?

Writing Practice:

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3. Canada is	of the	



- President
- Adams
- second
- Washington
- Washington, D.C.
- north

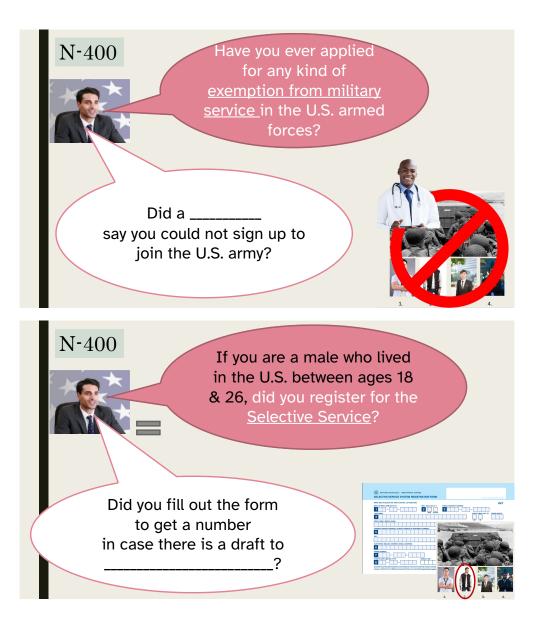
Week 10 writing sentences:

- 1. Washington was the Father of our Country.
- 2. The President lives in Washington, D.C.
- 3. Canada is north of the United States.
- 4. Adams was the second President.
- 5. American Indians lived here first.

Week 10 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
armed forces	military, army	
court-martialed	cannot be in the army anymore because you did something bad	
deserted	leave your job in the army by sneaking away	
exemption from service	a doctor says you cannot be in the army	
Selective Service	when you get a number in case there is a draft to make people join the army	







Reading Practice:

- 1. How many Senators do we have?
- 2. Who elects the President?
- 3. What do we have to pay to the government?
- 4. When is Memorial Day?
- 5. Why do people come here?

Writing Practice:

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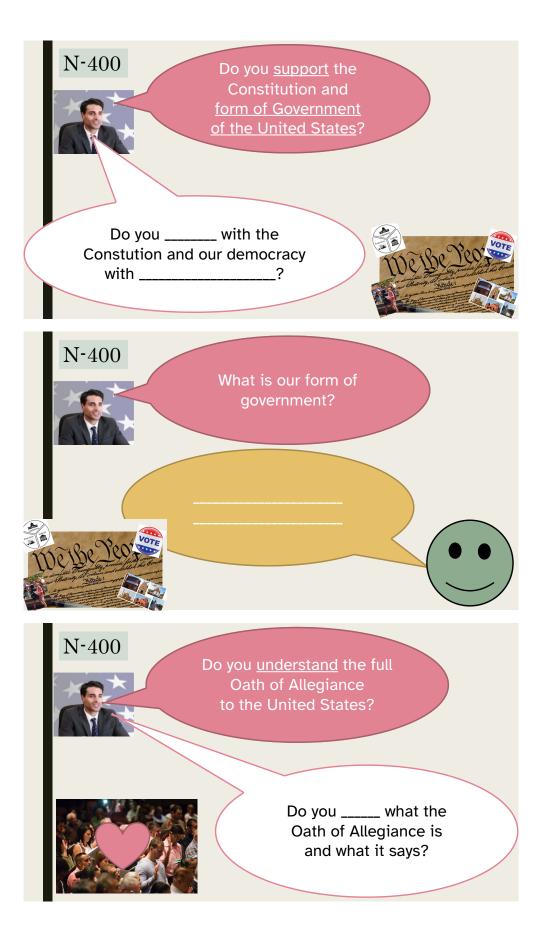
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- vote
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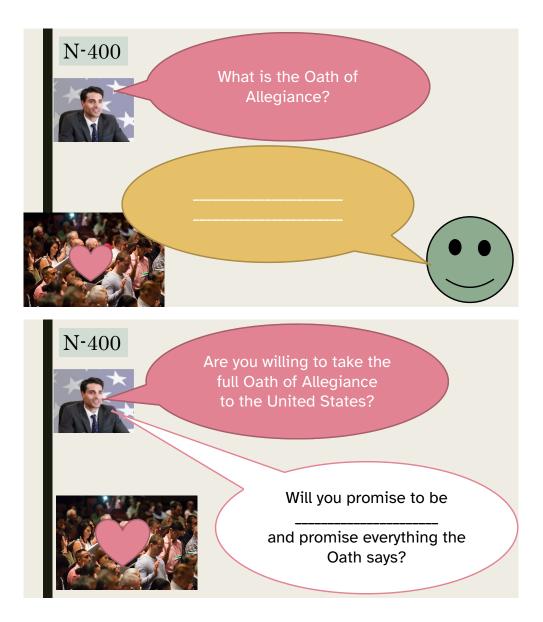
Week 11 writing sentences:

- 1. We have 100 Senators. OR We have one hundred Senators.
- 2. Citizens vote for President.
- 3. People in the United States pay taxes.
- 4. Memorial Day is in May.
- 5. People want freedom of speech.

Week 11 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
support	agree with	
form of government of the United States	democracy. freedom and voting	Nisk Net
Oath of Allegiance	promise to be loyal to the U.S.	







Reading Practice:

- 1. Who lives in the White House?
- 2. Who was the second president?
- 3. When is Memorial Day?
- 4. What was the first state?
- 5. When is Labor Day?

Writing Practice:

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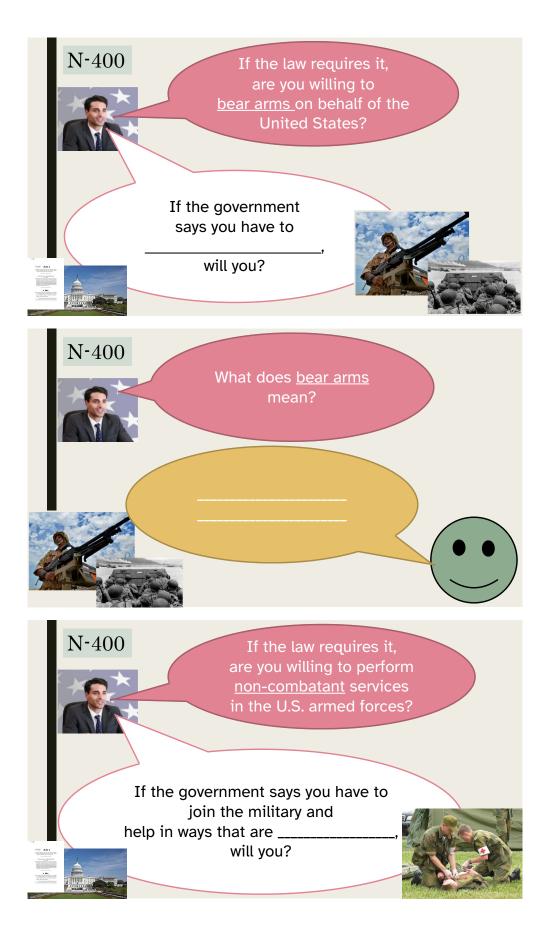
- President
- Washington
- United States
- White House
- Lincoln
- capital
- citizens
- right

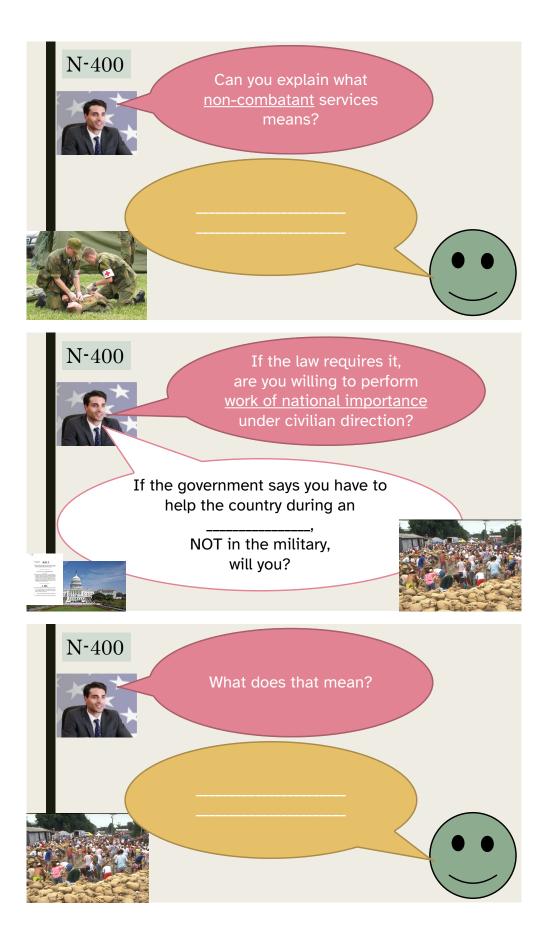
Week 12 writing sentences:

- 1. The President lives in the White House.
- 2. The second President was Adams.
- 3. Memorial Day is in May.
- 4. The first state was Delaware.
- 5. Labor Day is in September.

Week 12 N-400 Vocabulary

Vocabulary word	Definition	Picture
if the law requires it	if the government says you have to do something	<page-header></page-header>
bear arms	carry weapons & fight in the army	
non-combatant	not fighting	
perform work of national importance	help in an emergency	







N-400, Reading & Writing Class Review

Conversation Practice:

- What state do you live in?
- State your full name.
- How many children do you have?
- How many trips have you taken?
- How much time did you spend outside of the U.S?
- Is this your first marriage?
- Why do you want to be a citizen?

Responding to questions you don't understand:

- Can you say that slower?
- Can you repeat the question?
- What does that mean?

- Can you explain the question?
- Can you say that in a different way?

N-400 Parts 1-11 Questions Practice (for full list, see N-400 form)

- Are you requesting an accommodation because of a disability?
- What is your legal name? Have you used any other names?
- What is your current address? What is your previous address?
- Who is your employer? How long have you worked there?
- Who was your prior employer? When did you work there?
- What is your marital status? When did you get married?
- How many children do you have? When and where were they born?
- Have you taken any trips out of the U.S.? How long did they last?

N-400 Part 12 Questions Practice

- Have you ever claimed to be a U.S. citizen?
- Have you ever registered to vote in any federal, state or local election?
- Do you now have, or did you ever have, a hereditary title or an order of nobility in any foreign country?
- Have you ever been declared legally incompetent or confined to a mental institution?
- Do you owe any overdue federal, state or local taxes?
- Have you ever not filed a federal, state or local tax return since you became a legal permanent resident?
- Have you ever been a member of any organization, association, fund, foundation, party, club, society, or similar group in the United States or any other location in the world?
- Have you ever been a member of or in any way associated with the Communist Party? Any totalitarian party? A terrorist organization?
- Have you ever advocated the overthrow of any government by force or violence?
- Have you ever persecuted any person because of race, religion, national origin, membership in a particular society or group, or political opinion?

- Were you ever involved in any way with genocide?
- Were you ever involved in any way with torture?
- Were you ever part of a military unit?
- Were you ever a member of, or did you ever serve in, help or otherwise participate in a rebel group? A paramilitary group? A guerilla group? A militia? An insurgent organization?
- Were you ever part of a police unit?
- Were you ever part of a self-defense unit? A vigilante group?
- Were you ever a worker in a prison or jail, prison camp, detention facility or labor camp?
- Were you ever a part of any group that used a weapon against any person or threatened to do so?
- Did you ever sell, give or provide weapons to any person or help another person sell, give or provide weapons to any person?
- Did you ever receive any type of military, paramilitary or weapons training?
- Did you ever use any person under 15 years of age to do anything that helped or supported people in combat?
- Have you ever committed, assisted in committing or attempted to commit, a crime or offense for which you were NOT arrested?
 - Have you ever been arrested, cited, or detained by any law enforcement officer for any reason?
 - Have you ever been charged with committing, attempting to commit, or assisting in committing a crime?
 - Have you ever been placed in alternative sentencing or a rehabilitative program)? Received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation or been paroled?
 - Have you ever been in jail or prison?
- Have you ever been a habitual drunkard?
- Have you ever been a prostitute or procured anyone for prostitution?
- Have you ever sold or smuggled illegal drugs, or narcotics?
- Have you ever been married to more than one person at the same time?
- Have you ever married someone to obtain an immigration benefit?
- Have you every helped anyone enter or try to enter the U.S. illegally?
- Have you ever gambled illegally or got income from illegal gambling?
- Have you ever failed to support your dependents or pay alimony?
- Have you ever made any misrepresentation to obtain any public benefit?
- Have you ever given any U.S. Government officials any information or documentation that was false, fraudulent or misleading? Lied to any U.S. Government officials to gain entry or immigration benefits?
- Have you ever been removed, excluded or deported from the U.S.?
 - $\circ~$ Have you ever been ordered removed, excluded or deported?

- Have you ever been placed in removal, exclusion, recission, or deportation proceedings? Are any currently pending?
- Have you ever served in the U.S. armed forces?
 - Have you ever been court-martialed, administratively separated, or disciplined while in the U.S. armed forces?
 - Have you ever been discharged from training or service in the U.S. armed forces because you were an alien?
 - Have you ever left the U.S. to avoid being drafted?
 - Have you ever applied for any kind of exemption from military service in the U.S. armed forces?
 - Have you ever deserted from the U.S. armed forces?
- If you are a male and lived in the U.S. between your 18th and 26th birthdays, did you register for the Selective Service?
- Do you support the Constitution and form of government of the U.S.?
- Do you understand the full Oath of Allegiance to the U.S.?
- Are you willing to take the full Oath of Allegiance to the U.S.?
- If the law requires it:
 - Are you willing to bear arms for the U.S.?
 - Perform non-combatant services in the U.S. armed forces?
 - Perform work of national importance under civilian direction?

Reading Practice Sentences

What state has the most people? What is the largest state? Who lived here first? What was the first state? Why do people want to be a citizen? Name one right in the Bill of Rights. Where does Congress meet? How many states are in America? Why do people come here? When is Independence Day? Where is the capital of the government? When is Columbus Dav? Name the colors in the American Flag. When is Flag Day? Who was the Father of our Country? Name the city where the President lives. What country is north of the United States? Who was the second President? How many Senators do we have? Who elects the President? What do we have to pay to the government? People in the United States pay taxes. When is Memorial Day?

Writing Practice Sentences

California has the most people. The largest state is Alaska. American Indians lived here first. Delaware was the first state. People want to vote. One right is freedom of speech. Congress meets in Washington, D.C. We have 50 states. People come here to be free. Independence Day is in July. The capital is in Washington, D.C. Columbus Day is in October. The flag is red, white and blue. Flag Day is in June. Washington was the Father of our Country. The President lives in Washington, D.C. Canada is north of the United States. Adams was the second President. We have 100 Senators. Citizens vote for President. Memorial Day is in May.

The Oath of Allegiance

The Oath of Allegiance		What it means
I hereby declare, on oath,	=	I legally promise that
That I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen;	=	I give up loyalty to other countries
That I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic;	=	I agree with the Constitution and the kind of government we have.
That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;	=	I will obey the Constitution and laws of the United States
That I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law;	=	If the government says I have to join the military and fight, I will.
That I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States if required by the law;	=	If the government says I have to help the military in other ways that are not fighting, I will.
That I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law;	=	If the government says I have to help the country in an emergency, not in the military, I will.
And that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.	=	I really feel loyal to the United States. I really want to be a citizen.

