

Nebraska Secretary of State's Middle School Citizenship Test

1. When was Independence Day?

- a. () July 4, 1776
b. () July 1, 1776
c. () July 4, 1777
d. () July 8, 1776

2. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death?"

- a. () Paul Revere
b. () Paul Harvey
c. () Patrick Henry
d. () Thomas Jefferson

3. What do the red and white stripes on the U. S. flag stand for?

- a. () the original colonies
b. () authors of the Constitution
c. () years of the Revolutionary War
d. () Bill of Rights

4. What is the form of government called that we have in the United States?

- a. () Socialist
b. () Democracy
c. () Capitalism
d. () Dictatorship

5. Which states were included in the original 13 colonies?

- a. () South Carolina, Florida & Georgia
b. () New York, Vermont, & Pennsylvania
c. () Virginia, Georgia & New Hampshire
d. () Massachusetts, Delaware & Maine

6. Who is credited with authoring the Declaration of Independence?

- a. () Benjamin Franklin
b. () George Washington
c. () Thomas Jefferson
d. () John Quincy Adams

7. What are the first 10 amendments of the U.S. Constitution called?

- a. () Bill of Rights
b. () Monroe Doctrine
c. () Articles of Confederation
d. () Ten Commandments

8. How often do we elect the President of the United States?

- a. () every 2 years
b. () every 4 years
c. () every 5 years
d. () every 6 years

9. Who was president during the Civil War and freed the slaves?

- a. () Abraham Lincoln
b. () Ulysses S. Grant
c. () Franklin Roosevelt
d. () George Washington

10. When was the U.S. Constitution written?

- a. () 1787
b. () 1790
c. () 1776
d. () 1789

11. Which states are the 49th and 50th states of the union?

- a. () Alaska & Arizona
b. () Arizona & New Mexico
c. () Hawaii & Arizona
d. () Alaska & Hawaii

12. During what month is the presidential election held?

- a. () January
b. () May
c. () September
d. () November

13. Name the two major political parties of the United States?

- a. () Federalists, Democrats
b. () Libertarians, Federalists

c. () Democrats, Republicans

d. () Conservatives, Liberals

14. Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner?

a. () Betsy Ross b. () Thomas Jefferson c. () Benjamin Franklin d. () Francis Scott Key

15. "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice..." are the first words of what important U.S. document?

a. () Articles of Confederation b. () Bill of Rights c. () Preamble to the Constitution
d. () Pledge of Allegiance

16. Who signs bills to become laws?

a. () The Secretary of State b. () The Vice President
c. () The President d. () All of the Above

17. How old do you have to be to vote in Nebraska?

a. () twenty-one b. () eighteen
c. () nineteen d. () eighteen on or before the General Election Day

18. What holiday originated in Nebraska?

a. () Arbor Day b. () Earth Day c. () Columbus Day d. () Flag Day

19. Who was the first Nebraskan to run for President?

a. () Gerald Ford b. () William Jennings Bryan c. () Bob Kerrey
d. () Mike Johanns

20. How many terms can a President of the United States serve?

a. () one b. () two c. () three d. () four