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Welcome to the *Genius Exam Coaches****TM*** (GEC***TM***) Study Guide program! The approach is based on the learning program designed by Dr. Artyom Zinchenko (Ph.D. in Cognitive and Neuroscience) and Dr. Wallace Panlilio II (Ph.D. in Educational Psychology). Their program is based on thousands of hours of combined research on optimal learning and helps you achieve the best possible test results. What sets GEC apart from other test preparation program is that it is designed for crammers or people who have very limited time to review for an exam. The program features tried and tested techniques to make it possible for them to not only prepare for the exam, but ace it as well. So how can you get the most out of the GEC program?

First, we encourage you to answer the GEC Learning Questionnaire found on the next page—our questionnaire highlights various learning factors, such as motivation, attitude, and strategies. Answering the questionnaire will help you prepare for your test more holistically. You will be able to establish a solid foundation as you prepare for your exam.

Second, as you go over the books, you will find that there will be questions at the top section of each page. The questions will prompt you to recall or reflect on the subject matter. The goal is to reinforce your knowledge and develop critical thinking skills. Instead of rereading, you must try to remember and reflect on what you have learned first, even if you have to struggle at first. The effort is an essential part of the learning process. You interrupt the learning process if you immediately reread whenever you struggle to remember. Do your best to delay finding the answer. Doing so will be well worth it.

Third, you will also find questions asking you to reflect on your learning approach, including your motivation, attitude, and strategies. Being mindful of one’s learning process is essential to ensuring that how you learn continues to be optimal.

Do not be surprised when the questions are about the previous chapters’ concepts. This approach is intentional because this will not only dramatically reinforce a deeper knowledge about the topic and make you familiar with uncertainties when you encounter complex and confusing questions in the exam.

Third, there will be a checklist at the end of each chapter. We encourage you to take the time to mentally recall each item, then elaborate on what you have learned by writing or talking about your insights or even discussing what you have learned with your peers. The more you write or talk about it, the more connections your brain cells can establish about such a topic. As a result, you will have a stronger foundation for better results in your exam.

# *Genius Exam CoachesTM* (GECTM) Questionnaire

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# Chapter 1:Becoming an American Citizen

## Welcome

Thank you in your interest in joining the best country in the entire world! According to statistics, over 221,000 arriving aliens were granted citizenship status as of 2021 and should you follow this guide you might just be one of them! The process might seem daunting at first and in many ways it is, however, with the right amount of time invested and all of the requirements met, you too can join us here in The United States of America.

One of the largest pull factors to coming to our country is our massive amount of economic opportunities through all the various jobs that we offer within our country. Another however, is the sheer freedom that we enjoy here in the states compared to many other parts of the world, such as our robust tolerance of religious freedom, as well as our massive freedom of speech that we enjoy within the country through the use of our first amendment rights. If you fall into any of those categories, you’ll fit right into our culture well!

Our culture is one of a massive melting pot. We have people from all across the world that have blended and shaped our cultures across the states and for each state comes an entirely unique culture in itself! It can seem daunting at first but when you really get down to it, The United States really truly has a place for nearly anyone, which is why we need to get you in as soon as possible! Without any further delay, let’s get into the exactly how you will become an American citizen.

## Green Cards

The first step to becoming a United States Citizen, is gaining for yourself a Green Card. A Green Card is officially called the: Permanent Resident Card and there are several ways and situations in which you can receive one. You must obtain this Green Card before you can apply for naturalization and so this step is critical and has some requirements that must be understood. As you go through the process of doing this, which could take months to years, it is highly recommended that you practice your English speaking skills as well as you are required to pass an English test. English is also the language of the land, the majority spoken language of all who live in the country. It would also over these years be a good idea to practice the test questions at the end of the guide as you must be able to answer 6 correctly out of 12 questions and they can pull from any of the 100 on the practice test listed here. Finally, you must ask yourself honestly and truthfully if you are of “Good Morale Character”, as this will be a question in the naturalization process. If not, now is the time to change before it’s too late.

One circumstance in which you can be given a Green Card is if you are engaged to marry a United States Citizen. If you are in a situation in which you are, you can apply and be eligible for K-1 Fiancé Visa. Once that Visa is obtained, you can then apply for an “adjust status”, which would then allow you to get a Green Card.

Into the specifics of the K-1 Fiancé Visa, you must have these circumstances to get one for certain: 1: The nonimmigration half of the couple is a US Citizen. 2: Both members of the couple are legally able to marry in the state where the wedding will be held. 3: To note and of great importance in our country, same sex marriage is fully legal within our states and as such can be considered legally married just as a opposite sex couple. 4: The immigrant must have a genuine intention of marrying their spouse and if this can be proven otherwise your status will be denied. 5: Lastly, the two must have met in person and have been together for the last 2 years. This can be waived in very limited circumstances and it is best to consult an attorney on what those circumstances are or if they apply to you.

Should the marrying party already have children from either side that are not yet US Citizens, upon receiving the K-1 Visa, the couples children maybe receive a K-2 Visa so long as they are under 21 years of age. They too will be able to then use this Visa to then later apply for a Green Card.

Another circumstance in which you can be given a Green Card is if you are under the age of 21 and your parents are United States Citizens (and unmarried), or you as a parent have your children in the country that are over the age of 21 and of Citizenship Status, you are classified as an “immediate relative”. If you fall under this circumstance, you may be eligible for a Green Card as soon as you get through the application process. That said, if you are using this option, that US Citizen Relative must be willing to petition for you and give you financial support.

In the case of immediate relatives, in most circumstances you can immigrate right away. The Sponsor who would be the petitioner in this case, would then obtain a Form I-130 issued by USCIS. They would then go on to obtain what would be the equivalent of a Green Card. In cases where the Immigrant is already in the US, they may instead apply for a Form I-485 and would need to attend an interview in which they can then obtain a permanent residency.

Another circumstance is if your parents or brothers and sisters are United States Citizens but you are married and over the age of 21, you may qualify as a preference relative. That said, this type usually has very long wait times as you wait time, depending on your category, due to annual numerical limits. Once more in this circumstance, your United States Citizen relative must be willing to petition for you and promise financial support.

Another circumstance may occur if your parents, (only if your unmarried), husband or wife currently existing Permanent Residents (Green Card Holders)? If so, once again you are a “preference relative” and as long as your Green Card Holding family member is willing to petition and promise financial support for you, you can once again be eligible. Also once again however, this has a very high potential wait time due to annual numerical limits.

In the circumstances of a “preference relative”, certain factors will rank the importance of which that “preference” falls under and will factor in the amount of time you may have to wait to get into the country. A Family First Preference is a family who has at least 1 US citizen parent. A Second Family Preference falls into an A and B Category. A means that you are the spouse of the Green Card holder or their children under the age of 21. B are unmarried sons and daughters of Green Card holders. Family Third Preference are married people of any age with at least one US Citizen Parent. Family Fourth Preference are Sisters and Brothers of US citizens that are over the age of 21. In all of these cases, they would apply for a Form I-130 however it could be several years denoted by what level of preference they are before they are given priority and can begin the next steps. That being 1 being the highest and 4 the lowest.

Another circumstance may occur if you have a job offer from an Employer within The United States. To achieve this, the company that offered your job must be willing to sponsor you and if (in most cases) no US worker is considered qualified, willing or available to take the job instead. Another type you can receive which is why it’s critical you verify, is the H-1B Visa. This Visa is instead a temporary Visa that would allow you to work in the country potentially up to several years but is not a Permanent Residence Card.

The specifics as they pertain to you are as follows as the employee wanting to gain a Green Card: The employer is going to use a prevailing wage determination (PWS). What this means is that the Department of Labor has a formal ruling on what the average pay for people who work the job you want to get usually make. The PWD will be in effect for one year. Your employer then must advertise and offer recruitment to US citizens and determine in good faith that there are no qualified US citizens to take the job. Your employer will then push through a USDOL Form 9089 and this will take several months to go through. It will then ship a PERM labor certification to your employer. Within 180 days then your employer will file a petition to create a Form I-140 for you and then you wait for a Visa. This can occur right away or over a period of time depending on the job and situation. You then file a green card application process and pay the fees using the Form I-485 to "adjust status”. You will finally now have an interview in which you will go through "consular processing" which is essentially an interview process that you must pass. Should you do so, your Green Card will be sent by mail weeks later.

Another circumstance may occur if you have over a million dollars to invest in the creation or expansion of a United States business. This amount can be reduced to 500,000 dollars if you invest in an economically depressed area, known as a Targeted Employment Area or TEA. If so, you can receive an Investment-Based (EB-5) Green Card to use in the next steps of the citizenship process.

Investment-Based (EB-5) Green Cards are limited to 10,000 total a year and 3000 of those 10,000 are reserved for those investing in TEA’s. If certain unspecified caps are reached from certain countries, you may as well be put on a waiting list. Of importance however is that only the principle applicant, as in the investor themselves, are counted toward this 10,000 cap. Meaning that family members of the investor do not count toward this process and will not take up numbers within the cap.

Another circumstance that may occur is if you are a member of the clergy or a religious worker who plans to come to the U.S. to work for the same religious organization that you've already been working for over the last two years. In the event that you fall under this circumstance, you may apply as a “Special Immigrant”.

Another circumstance may occur if you are a graduate of a foreign medical school who came to the United States before January 10, 1978 and is still living in the United States. If you fall under this category, you may apply as a “Special Immigrant”.

Another circumstance may occur if you are a former overseas U.S. government worker or a retired employee of an international organization who has worked at least half of the last seven years in the United States. If you fall under this category, you may apply as a “Special Immigrant”.

Another circumstance may occur if you are helping a child who is living in the U.S. and been declared dependent on a juvenile court and eligible for a long-term foster or state agency care. In this circumstance, the child might be eligible for a green card as a “Special Immigrant.”.

Another circumstance may occur if you have served in the US armed services for a total of 12 years or more after October 15, 1978. If you fall under this category, you may apply as a “Special Immigrant”. However, you might immediately qualify for US citizenship if you performed active duty with the U.S. armed forces during certain recent conflicts, including those in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Of importance in this regard to your military service also comes into the fact whether you served during “peacetime” or “war time”. If during peacetime, after 1 year you may apply for naturalization. However if you served during war you may apply as in little as one day of service to the country. Near instant citizenship essentially.

Another circumstance may occur if you live in a country outside the United States where you have faced or fear persecution, either by the government or by forces beyond the government's control, and if that persecution due to either your race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. If in an instance in which this is the case, you may qualify for “Refugee Status” and then after one year of obtaining this status, apply for a Green Card.

Another circumstance may occur if you are in the United States now, but fear returning to your home country because you have faced or fear persecution, either by the government or by forces beyond the government's control, and that persecution is due to your race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. If you fall under this category, you may apply for “Asylum Status” and apply for a green card after one year within the country should that fear remain.

Another situation in which you may be given a Green card is if you have lived in the U.S. continuously since January 1972. In which case, you may be able to “Adjust Status” to obtain a Permanent Residency.

## 1.3: Time

Even saying all of the above about both Green Cards and Naturalization, even should you meet all requirements, this entire process will take a very long amount of time and that time can vary depending on so many factors. The important thing to note during this entire process is that it is not immediate as we of The United States take our borders and our countries growth very seriously. We want the best of the best and so we have very strict laws and rules about how all of this will apply and go.

Even with all this time, you may find that your decision made was that you do not currently meet the requirements needed for either a Green Card or Naturalization. Many barriers exist and for a reason. Yet, none of these barriers are impossible to climb. Have patience and think how you can assail the barriers in the future.

While you you’re at it, while you may not have made it this time, keep an eye on the American News! Not only is it a great way to keep up on current events and practice your English skills but one of those current events may involve new programs to allow you to enter the country!

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# Chapter 2: Understanding Naturalization

## 2.1 Benefits

One might ask themselves, what exactly are the benefits of going through all of us, especially when so many have gotten into the country through “other methods”? Well, there are indeed many to going through this entire process that do more then just benefit yourself. For in fact, doing all of this will benefit you, your family and your future descendants. While you had to go through this large scale process, your children born and raised in this land, automatically will have US Citizenship and be entitled to all the benefits you yourself will now have.

One huge benefit to becoming a full-fledged US Citizen, is that you will never have to renew your Green Card again. Once you have gone through the process and have been fully naturalized, that’s it! Your free to do in this country what you wish, so long as it’s within US law. You also won’t need to carry it around anymore whatsoever. Feel free to throw it out or keep it as a historical thing to show your family in the future of the process you yourself had to go through! That said, you will need a United States passport whenever wanting to leave outside of the country and a State ID dependent on what state that you wish to live in.

Another major benefit to having US Citizenship is that that citizenship can never be taken away. As such, you will never have to worry about being deported should anything occur in the country or should you no longer follow old rules you used to follow while going through this process. That said, if you lied under oath or broke the law at any point and it’s discovered after the fact that you’ve obtained your US Citizenship, you will have that taken away. So make sure to take all of this very seriously going up to that Oath. Which we will get into later on.

Another benefit to having citizenship will be reentering the country at later dates. No longer will you need to stand in a Green Card line when reentering the country, instead now you will stand in the much faster line that involves US Citizens themselves at the airport.

Another huge benefit to make the process much easier for your family as a US Citizen is the ability to petition for members of your family to come into the country at a faster and easier rate. Allowing them to obtain a Green Card much faster through the means and methods mentioned in chapter 1.2.

One of the most important benefits of becoming a US Citizen is the ability to run for public office or even just vote for the type of government you want to be represented by. As a Republic with Democratic elements, our nation is founded upon your vote and your voice alongside the many that exist within it. Now that you’re a citizen, that right is also given to you.

Another huge advantage to being a US Citizen might come from lines of work itself. Many government jobs require US Citizenship and cannot be applied to or obtained with just a Green Card. These jobs tend to be extremely well and are considered by many to be the most important jobs of the country.

As a US Citizen, you also apply and can benefit from our social welfare programs should you require aid getting on your feet within the country or just need help from whatever situation that may have occurred to you. Taxes are also handled very differently now that you’re a citizen and tend to be much better suited toward your income ranges.

While discussed earlier, a US Passport has more then just the purpose of traveling out of country. With it, comes the ability to enter US Embassies or Consulates should you need yourself in need of aid while visiting family members outside the country while you all go about the process of naturalizing yourselves.

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## 2.2 What It Means

Naturalization means the admittance of a foreigner to the citizenship of a country. In layman’s terms, this means that this is now the process to actually becoming an American Citizen. What must be understood about this is that once you go through with this there is no going back. It will require a great deal of time, money, patience and handling with care.

Naturalization must not even be attempted until the allotted amount of years. For most people, this time frame will be 5 years. However, for certain circumstances this time frame will change. For example, a spouse living with his US Citizen husband or wife may apply for naturalization within 3 years. If you are an asylee you must wait 4 years.

Another extremely important step to keep in mind is that you must spend at least half your years within The United States itself with your Green Card before you can apply for Naturalization. Should that not have been the case don’t even bother applying and wait the amount of time you need to do so. So as an example, if you are in the category of people that must wait 5 years, then you must spend 2.5 of those years in The United States itself.

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# Chapter 3: Preparing/Submitting Applications

## 3.1 Obtaining The Forms

Should you have your Green Card obtained, the next step is to determine your eligibility for Naturalization. The requirements of which are many and will be listed in Chapter 4. Once this is completed, the next step is to call (**1-800-870-3676**) and request your **Form N-400**. Alternatively, you can **download a copy for free online at**: [**www.uscis.gov**](http://www.uscis.gov)**.**

Once you have filled out all the necessary paperwork which will be seen in Chapter 5, you will then file the document online or mail it. Please note as well that the total fee for everything required in the N-400 and Naturalization process currently will total to about $725.00 in total. It is a good idea to start saving that up now as you go through all the listed requirements in Chapter 4 to ensure that you are ready and prepared.

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# Chapter 4: Requirements

## 4.1: Continuous Presence

One of the most crucial things to understand now that you have your Green Card while on your path to naturalization is that of Continuous Presence. Continuous Presence is having exactly that, a continuing presence within The United States itself and rarely outside of it. In fact, if you stay outside of The United States for more then half of your time, in many cases you will have to wait longer again to get into the country.

While there are notable exceptions to this rule which will be gotten into ahead in this chapter, the most important thing is noting that in some shape or through some method, you will need to have obtained a Permanent Residency Card (Green Card) and using that, you must have spent a considerable amount of time within The United States in most circumstances. Most people will tend to fall into the five year category however some exceptions will fall under the 3 year or even day of obtaining a Green Card category. Those specifics will be expanded upon further on.

## 4.2 Process

The process of achieving naturalization is determined by several factors just as it was within The Green Cards section of 1.2. As a reminder before you can even begin this process you must have obtained your Green Card and successfully stayed out 50% of your Green Card status in The United States itself.

First of all, the exceptions to all that is going to be written here. If you are under 18 years of age and want to apply for naturalization based on your parents’ or adopted parents’ citizenship. A Permanent Resident whose spouse was a U.S. citizen who died while on active duty in the US Armed Forces. Applying for naturalization based on active duty service in the US Armed Forces. Or lastly, A spouse of a U.S. citizen who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, an employee or contractor of the U.S. Government, an employee of an American institution of research, an employee of an American owned firm, an employee of a public international organization, or a clergy member. If you fall under any of those, you are exempt from what is next and must follow a separate process that will be outlined in the next chapter, 2.4. If you fall into any of that, you should now skip right ahead to that subchapter.

The first thing that is required, is that you are 18 years old or above. If you are not, full stop this is the end of the road for you, for now. Try again later when you turn 18. That said, if you fall into the military category, this might be different for you and you can look into other options.

Next, you need your Green Card. If you don’t have it yet, as stated before you are not yet ready for this step and need to complete that step first. If you have had your Green Card for 5 years next, you must not have been out of the United States for more then 30 months (2.5 Years). During the time away from the country if you had any at all, you must not have spent one year outside of the country. If you have and without a Form N-470, you are not ready for naturalization. Next, you must have lived and been physically in a district for the last 3 months. If you have not been yet, you are not ready for naturalization.

Next of great importance, is that you can both read and write in the English language. There are notable exceptions to this process if you have not yet. Those are exceptions are as follows: If you are 50 years old or more and have lived in The United States with your Permanent Residency. Or you are 55 and lived for 15. The last exception is that you have a form of disability that prevents you from fulfilling this requirement and you will as such need to be file a “Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions”, or, Form N-648. This must be completed and signed by a doctor with your application.

Next, you must know the fundamentals of U.S. history and the form and principles of the US government. There is only one exception to this rule and is it if you have a disability that will not allow you to competently complete the Civics portion of Naturalization. Once more, you must file a “Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions”, or, Form N-648. This must be completed and signed by a doctor with your application.

Next, you must be a person of Good Morale Character, which means you must have no crimes on your record that the United States recognizes. In some countries for example, there are things like speech crimes. These are not always considered to be slights on your “moral” character. Other examples would be blasphemy laws. However, if you have stolen, forced yourself upon someone without consent, or committed murder, you can consider your chances done here and now. If this was a mistake and you didn’t commit your crime, you must get this all straightened out before you come into the country.

The next requirement is a very specific one. You must fall under one of the following categories. You must be a female or a male registered for Selective Service and only if, or a male who did not enter the United States under any status until after your 26th birthday, or be a male who was in the United States between the ages of 18 and 26 but who did not register with the Selective Service, and you will need to send a “Status Information Letter” from the Selective Service explaining why you did not with your application. The final one you can fall into as a male is that you are a male who was in the United States between the ages of 18 and 26 as a lawful nonimmigrant. If you do not fall into any of these categories, unfortunately at this time, you are not ready for naturalization.

Next, you must have never deserted from The United States Armed Forces. If you have at any point whatsoever, you are not applicable to apply for naturalization and this is one that will never be changed or able to be fixed, unless you figure your situation out with your service.

Next, you must have never received an exemption or discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces on the grounds that you are an alien. If you have, this is another hard stop, you are not able to become naturalized into the country until that matter can be fixed or resolved if there was a mistake.

Next, you must be willing to perform either military or

civilian service for the United States if required by law. If your religious teachings and beliefs prohibit you from performing military service, you must be willing to perform non-military service. If you are not willing to, then you are not ready or able to apply for naturalization.

Next, you must be willing to support and respect The Constitution of The United States and its laws. If this is too confusing or broad of a subject for you here, this will be expanded on. However, understand that this is a requirement for Naturalization and if when expanded on you cannot accept this, you will not be entering the country with citizenship.

And finally, you must be willing and able to take an Oath of Allegiance to The United State of America. If you are not, you must understand once again that this is a hard line and you will not be allowed to enter the country as a US Citizen.

If you have successfully fallen into all the required situations asked above, congratulations, you are very likely ready to begin the next step. Which will be requesting your N-400 Form.

## 4.3 “Other” Process:

If you fell into the exemption examples mentioned toward the start of chapter 2.3, this is now where you should be reading instead. If you did not fall into any of those exemptions you can simply skip over this subchapter.

**If you are under 18 and want to apply under your parents or adopted parents citizenship, only if all of the following criteria are met can you do so:** The child is under 18 years of age; you must not be married. You must regularly resides outside the United States. You must temporarily present in the United States pursuant to a lawful admission and is

maintaining such lawful status. You must be in legal and physical custody of a parent who is a U.S. citizen. You must be the U.S. citizen’s legitimate child, or was legitimated before your 16th birthday, children born out of wedlock who were not legitimated before their 16th birthday may be eligible for this procedure through his or her mother. If adopted, you must meets the requirements of section 101(b)(1)(E) or (F) of the INA and had a full and final adoption. All of these must be present and accounted for.

Last either of the following must be true:

– The citizen parent must have lived at least 5 years in the United States, and at least 2 of which were after the citizen parent’s 14th birthday; or

– If your citizen parent has not lived in the United States for at least 5 years, 2 of which were

after that parent’s 14th birthday, the citizen parent currently has a parent (the child’s grandparent)

who:

• is also a U.S. citizen; and

• lived in the United States for 5 years, at least 2 of which were after the citizen grandparent’s

14th birthday; and

• is living or deceased at the time of the adjudication of the application and the taking of the oath.

Should all of the above have successfully been established as true, your citizen parents must apply for a Certificate of Citizenship on behalf of you using Form N-600K. Both you and your citizen parents must appear at an interview with the USCIS officer in The United States. The child must meet all of the required conditions at the time he or she takes the Oath of Allegiance, though this can be waived if you, the child, are is to young to understand it in certain circumstances.

**If you are a Permanent Resident whose spouse was a U.S. citizen who died while on active duty in the US Armed Forces**, you do not have to be a permanent resident on the day of your American Citizenship Interview. You also do not need a “Continuous Residence”, unlike other situations applying.

If you are **applying for naturalization based on active duty service in the US Armed Forces,** you have two situations that could apply to you. The first being that you were in the U.S. Armed Forces for less than 1 year or were in the U.S. Armed Forces for 1 year or more, but you

were discharged more than 6 months ago, you need the standard five years of having the card to apply for naturalization. However, your time out on duty can be considered toward this and would not count against your minimum required time in the actual country itself. However, you must now enter the country and stay within it now that you have been discharged.

The second situation in this group, could come in to play if you are still currently serving in the US Armed Forces and a year has passed. If you do so, you do not need to have a “Continuous Residence” and you can apply right away the moment you have your green card.

**Lastly if you are a spouse of a U.S. citizen who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, an employee or contractor of the U.S. Government, an employee of an American institution of research, an employee of an American owned firm, an employee of a public international organization, or a clergy member,** you must be a permanent resident at the time of your interview only and your “Continuous Residence” is not required.

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**Key Concepts**

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Do you constantly review your learning attitude and strategies to make sure that you are still studying in the most effective manner?

# Chapter 5: N-400 Form

## 5.1: Filling Out The Form

https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/n-400.pdf

The N-400 Form is considered one of the most important form of this entire naturalization process. The form consists of 20 pages and 15 parts that must all be responded to. Of which, 50 questions will be asked that you must answer truthfully and honestly. For if you do not only could you be delayed but you may suffer from further penalties depending on the situation.

The first question it will ask you to fill out is which of the primary categories you fall into in terms of years for your permanent residency as well as your situation that resulted in your Green Card. For example, the majority of people will say: “Have been a lawful permanent resident of the United States for at least 5 years”. You will also need you “A Number”, aka your Alien Number, which should consist of 7-9 numbers.

Next it will ask you to fill out your family legal name as well as your how your name appears exactly on your Green Card. Then, any and all other names you have used since birth. Then, after all this is filled in, the N-400 Form will actually now offer you the chance to legally change your name. While this is mainly thought of for security and safety reasons for refugees fleeing persecution, any and all can change their name so long as they wish to do so at this stage of the N-400 Form and as long as the name change is approved.

Next you will need to fill in a series of numbers. First, your US social security number, if you have it. Next, your USCIS Online Account Number, if you have one. You must specify your gender as Male or Female. Your date of birth and the date you became lawful within the country.

Next you will need to list your country of birth and then your country of citizenship and your nationality and if you have any disabilities. If you do whether they be that may impair your ability to take the civics exam, now is the time to list it and tell.

Next it will give you a list of exemptions for the English Language portion of which if you have any, you must select 1. It starts with the 50 year old and 20 years in the country option and goes down the list from there accordingly as discussed and explained in chapter 4.

Part 3 will now ask you to list your disabilities that you may have if you stated that you do have any to begin with. This is where you would write or type out your disabilities in as much detail as possible and with the room allotted.

Part 4 will then be a series of phone number types you must list as well as your email address should you need to be reached out to in this process.

Part 5 will now consist of all your location information such as your house, mailbox and such. This must be filled out in its entirety to ensure the process goes over successfully.

Part 6 will now be about information about your parents. You must list their A Number if applicable and list your mother and father and name if your father is a US citizen or not. This section must be completed and as honestly and completely as possible.

Part 7 will now consist of your biographic information. This will ask questions such as your race, your height and weight, your eye color, even your hair. Answer as honestly and accurately as you can as this is to prepare for later steps in the process.

Part 8 will now be about any employment you may have had and also the schools in which you attended for the past five years since you obtained your Green Card, should you be in the 5 year category. You must have complete information about the time period as much of this will be checked and referenced to ensure this information is accurate and truthful.

Part 9 will now ask about the time you have spent outside of The United States during the last 5 years if you fall under the 5 year category, less if lesser. You must list trips in days that were 24 hours or longer. You must work backwards.

Part 10 will now ask you a complete martial history and you must list them within the document to the best of your ability such as their birthdate and such as well as how a marriage ended if it ended.

Part 11 will now ask about any and all information about your children if you have any. The documentation must include however all children, dead or alive.

Part 12 now is where things get extremely detailed. The 50 questions that must be answered in complete and totality. It is extremely detailed and must be fully responded to and be certain and sure to follow ALL directions to the letter. Any mess ups at any point in this process could delay your process. While these are indeed questions, bear in mind that this is not a “test”. Yes, certain responses will have consequences or another process that must be dealt with, however, if you lie at any point of this you process may be delayed or entirely canceled. Respond honestly and accordingly.

Part 13 is a certification that all information provided in this document is swore to the truth at penalty if false information is given. You must fill out your name.

Part 14 is to be filled out by your interpreter and they will handle everything in that section for you.

Part 15 is then for the person preparing the application and as such once again you don’t need to concern yourself with this section.

Part 16 is to be signed and filled out after the completion of your interview to become an American Citizen.

Part 17 requires that if at any point from the foreign country in which you came from, that you were a noble of any type, you must renounce that before an officer of the USCIS.

Part 18 is the Oath in which you must now memorize for you will be taking it should your application be approved. This Oath is true and binding and must be followed to the letter.

With that all filled out now, that’s it! You are ready to file the form and are prepared to begin the next steps in the process.

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# Chapter 6: Required Documentation

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# Chapter 7: Waiting Periods

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# Chapter 8: American Citizenship Test

## 8.1: U.S. Geography

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## 8.3: Government Systems

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## 8.4: Individual Rights

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## 8.5: U.S. History from the Colonial Period through the present

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## 8.6: American Symbols and Holidays

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Have you been diligent in mentally recalling and elaborating on key concepts from previous learning to clarify your understanding and reinforce what you have learned so far?

# Chapter 9: American Citizenship Interview

## 9.1: Reading

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# Chapter 10: Dual Citizenship

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# Chapter 11: Oath Ceremony

**11.1: The Oath**

**11.2: The Meaning**

**Key Concepts**

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# Chapter 12: Responsibilities as a Citizen

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# Chapter 13: Delays and Denials

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# Chapter 14: Practice Test

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# Chapter 15: Answer Key

# Conclusion

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