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**Who is a Citizen? Law of Soil vs. Law of Blood**

The Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution says…

*Section. 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside...*

**Instructions: Read each example of a natural born citizen in the table below. In the column on the left, write “S” if the situation is an example of “Law of Soil.” Write a “B” if the situation is an example of “Law of Blood.”**

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| **Soil/Blood?** | **The following shall be citizens of the United States at birth:** |
| Soil | 1) A person born in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof |
| Soil | 2) A person born in the U.S. to a member of an Indian, Eskimo, Aleutian, or any other aboriginal tribe. |
| Blood | 3) Juan was born outside of the United States; both parents are citizens and lived in the United States prior to Juan’s birth. |
| Blood | 4) Julie was born outside of the United States; her father is a citizen of the United States, but her mother is a resident, not yet a citizen. |
| Soil/Blood | 5) Jessica is born in Puerto Rico, which is a US territory; her mother and father are both citizens of the United States. |
| Soil | 6) Josh was born in Guam and grew up as an orphan who did not know his birth parents. |
| Blood | 7) Jordan was born outside the United States to a father who is a foreign national and a mother who was born in Texas but has only lived in the US for three years when she was a child. |
| Blood | 8) Justin was born before noon (Eastern Standard Time) May 24, 1934, outside the limits and jurisdiction of the United States of an alien father and a mother who is a citizen of the United States who, prior to the birth of such person, had resided in the United States. |

**Citizen Scenarios**

*Instructions: Read the scenarios below. Based on the situation, decide if the person is:*

*1. A natural born citizen*

*2. A naturalized citizen*

*3. Not a United States citizen*

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| **Scenario** | **Citizen Status (Write in the correct option in the box below):**   1. **Natural Born** 2. **Naturalized** 3. **Not a US Citizen** |
| 9) Nadia and her husband, U.S. Soldier Lt. Mike Peters, have a son (Thomas) while they are stationed at Aviano Air Base, Italy. Both parents are United States citizens. What is Thomas’ citizenship status in the United States? | Natural Born |
| 10) Cecilia was born in Ecuador to her mother Consuela, a citizen of Ecuador, and her father, Alejandro, a United States citizen, who has been working for the United States Embassy in Ecuador for 10 years. What is Cecilia’s citizenship status in the United States? | Natural Born |
| 11) Mei Ling is 14 years old. She and her mother moved from Thailand two years ago. Her mother has received her permanent resident status in the United States and intends on applying for citizenship. What is Mei Ling’s citizenship status? | Not a US Citizen |
| 12) Silvu has recently moved to the United States from Romania to attend college. His mother voluntarily renounced her U.S. Citizenship to become a citizen of Romania before Silvu was born and his father is a Romanian citizen. What is Silvu’s citizenship status? | Not a US Citizen |
| 13) Ivan Petrov was born and raised in Russia. After attending college in the United States, he decided to seek U.S. citizenship. He has passed the U.S. Citizenship test, has been evaluated and determined to be of good moral character, established residency, and demonstrated knowledge of basic U.S. history and government. He has sworn an oath of allegiance to the United States. What is Ivan’s citizenship status? | Naturalized |
| 14) Marion Fletcher was born in Austin, Texas, where she lives with her husband. Her parents were also born and raised in Austin, Texas. What is Marion’s citizenship status? | Natural Born |
| 15) Matthew Robinson was born in Munich, Germany. His father, Gary Robinson, is a businessman from the United States who works in Munich, but he is originally from Oklahoma, where he was born and raised. His mother, Cynthia Robinson, was born in American Samoa and is a U.S. National. What is Matthew’s citizenship status? | Natural Born |

\*\*\* Create your own scenario! Imagine that you were born in another country and have moved to United States as an immigrant. You have just become a naturalized U.S. citizen. Write a letter to a friend in the country in which you moved from, explaining why and how you became a U.S. citizen. Write at least 3-4 sentences, and be creative!