



Path To Belonging

Directions: Read the short informational passage below. Then complete the sequencing activity by placing the steps to U.S. citizenship in the correct order.

From Arrival to Citizenship

When immigrants first arrived in America through places like Ellis Island, they took their first steps toward a new life. After entering the country, many people worked hard to settle in a community, find a job, and build a future here. To become full members of the United States, immigrants could apply for naturalization - the legal process of becoming a citizen.

Naturalization typically included several important steps. The person needed to live in the United States for a number of years. They also had to show they were of good character and had learned about American history and government. Next, they took a test and completed an interview to show they understood English and the responsibilities of citizenship. Finally, they took the Oath of Allegiance, promising loyalty to the United States. After this moment, they officially became U.S. citizens with rights and duties equal to all others.

Sequencing Activity: Place the events in the correct order using numbers 1-6.

- ____ Learn about American history, government, and English
- ____ Take the Oath of Allegiance
- ____ Arrive and begin life in the United States
- ____ Live in the U.S. for a required number of years
- ____ Complete an interview and take a citizenship test
- ____ Apply for naturalization