

Path To Belonging Answer Key

Correct order:

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

Check that students demonstrate understanding that the process involves both time and preparation before becoming a citizen.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose: Strengthen sequencing skills while building understanding of naturalization and the citizenship process in U.S. history.

Instructional Tips

- Review key terms: naturalization, Oath of Allegiance, interview, rights, responsibilities
- Use a timeline on the board to show steps visually
- Encourage students to connect this historical process to today's requirements

Differentiation Strategies

- Provide sentence strips for students to physically arrange in sequence
- Offer simplified wording for English language learners
- Allow students to annotate the passage as they read for step identification

Engagement Ideas

- Students role-play parts of the process (interview, oath ceremony)
- Compare historical naturalization steps with current laws
- Students design a mini-booklet showing each step with illustrations

Extension Opportunities

- Research how the path to citizenship has changed over time
- Write a short reflection: "What step might feel most challenging and why?"
- Invite a guest speaker or share video clips of naturalization ceremonies