

What should be the qualifications  
for U.S. citizenship?

# Aim: What should be the qualifications for U.S. citizenship?

Do Now: Do you think there ought to be a test for citizenship for people who have immigrated to the United States? What about people who were born here? Why? Why not?

# 1. What is the supreme law of the land?

- The Constitution



## 2. What does the Constitution do?

- sets up the government
- defines the government
- protects basic rights of Americans

3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?

- We the People

## 4. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

- the Bill of Rights



## 5. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?

- speech
- religion
- assembly
- press
- petition the government

## 6. How many amendments does the Constitution have?

- twenty-seven (27)



## 7. What did the Declaration of Independence do?

- announced our independence (from Great Britain)
- declared our independence (from Great Britain)
- said that the United States is free (from Great Britain)

## 8. What is the economic system in the United States?

- capitalist economy
- market economy

## 9. Name the three branches of the government.

- legislative - Congress
- executive - ▪ President
- judicial - the courts



# 10. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

- checks and balances
- separation of powers

# 11. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?

- Senate and House (of Representatives)

## 12. How many U.S. Senators are there?

- one hundred (100)



13. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?

- six (6)

14. Who are your state's two U.S. Senators now?

# U.S. Senators from New York

## Charles Schumer

- 1999-Present
- Democrat



## Kirsten Gillibrand

- 2009-Present
- Democrat





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- four hundred thirty-five (435)

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17. Name your U.S. Representative.



# New York 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

Tom Suozzi

- Democrat
- Since 2017



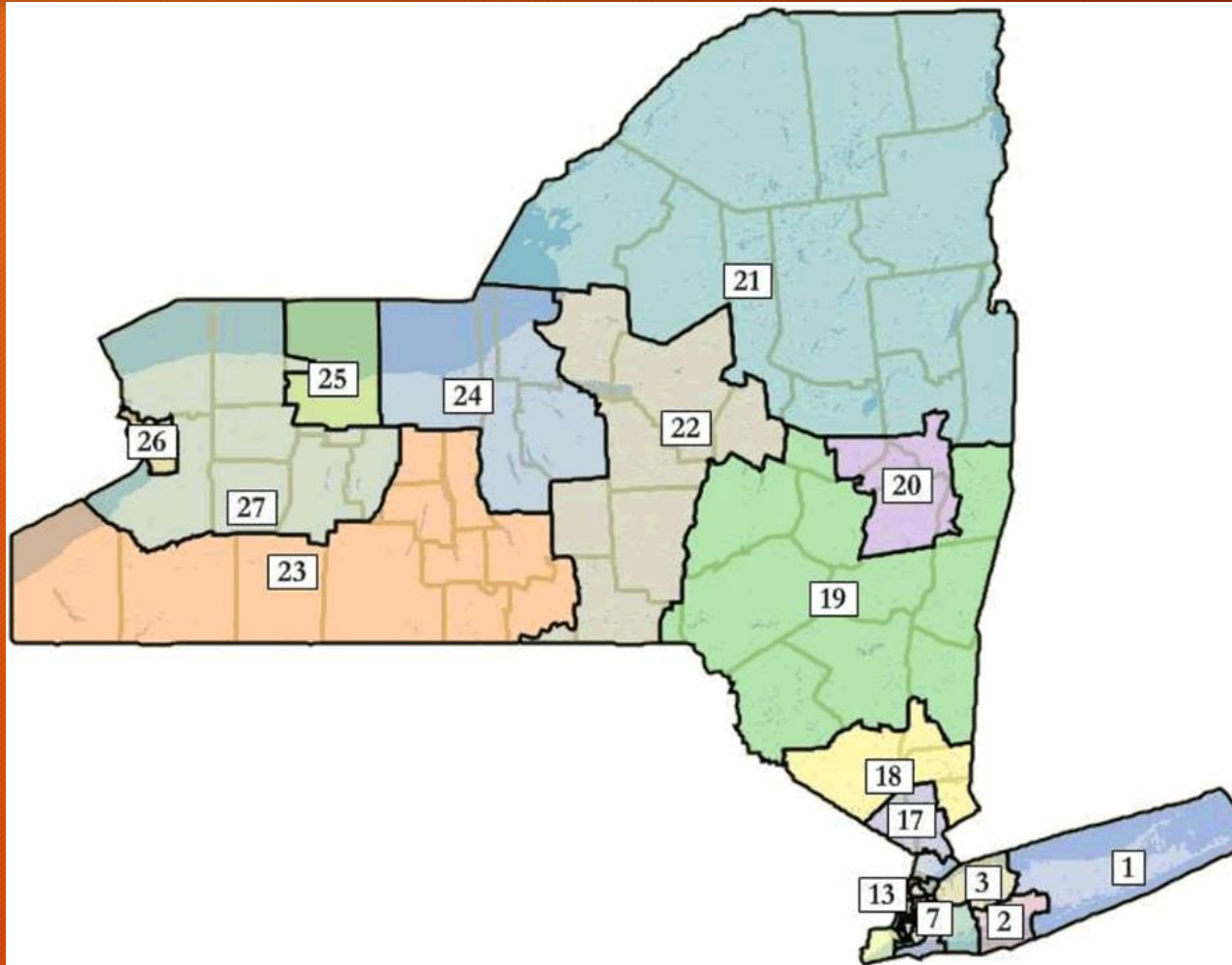


# New York 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

- Includes most of the North Shore of Long Island. It expands from northwestern Suffolk County, across northern Nassau County and into far northeastern Queens. Long Island communities in the district include: Manhasset, Huntington, Northport, Commack, Dix Hills, Plainview, Bethpage, Hicksville, Syosset, Glen Cove, Roslyn, Port Washington and Great Neck. Queens neighborhoods in the district include Little Neck, Whitestone, Glen Oaks and Floral Park.



# New York State Congressional Districts (27)





## 18. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?

- (because of) the state's population



# 19. We elect a President for how many years?

- four (4)

20. What is the name of the President of the United States now?

- Donald J. Trump
- Donald Trump
- Trump



## 21. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?

- Michael R. Pence
- Mike Pence
- Pence





## 22. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

- the Speaker of the House
  - Nancy Pelosi
  - Democrat
  - California's 12<sup>th</sup> District
- 1<sup>st</sup> elected to Congress - 1987



## 23. What are two Cabinet-level positions?

- **15 Cabinet Posts - Advisors to the President**
- **Established in Article II Section 2 of the Constitution**
  - Secretary of Agriculture
  - Secretary of Commerce
  - Secretary of Defense
  - Secretary of Education
  - Secretary of Energy
  - Secretary of Health and Human Services
  - Secretary of Homeland Security
  - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
  - Secretary of the Interior
  - Secretary of Labor
  - Secretary of State
  - Secretary of Transportation
  - Secretary of the Treasury
  - Secretary of Veterans Affairs
  - Attorney General



## 24. What does the judicial branch do?

- reviews laws
- explains laws
- resolves disputes (disagreements)
- decides if a law goes against the Constitution



# 25. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

- nine (9)
- JOHN ROBERTS
- SAMUEL ALITO.
- RUTH BADER GINSBURG.
- STEPHEN BREYER.
- NEIL GORSUCH.
- ELENA KAGAN.
- BRETT KAVANAUGH.
- SONIA SOTOMAYOR.
- CLARENCE THOMAS.



## 26. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?

- John Roberts
- John G. Roberts, Jr.





# Questions

- 1. If there should be a citizenship test, is this a good one. Which of these questions are good? Which are not?
- 2. Should there be other requirements?
- 3. Should the focus of a citizen test be more on values rather than on facts? Explain.
- 4. Should where you are born matter? Should your parents birthplace matter?
- 5. Ultimately - What makes someone an American? Where you are born? Your values? Your commitment (service)?