Lesson 8

American Government

System of Government:
The Executive Branch

Questions: 2, 13, 14, 15, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 29, 30, 45, 46, 26, 27, 54, 70, 31, 47

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Question 2

What does the Constitution do?
Question #2

★ sets up the government
★ defines the government
★ protects basic rights of Americans
Name one branch or part of the government.*
Question #13

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

The U.S. Capitol (legislative branch) and the U.S. Supreme Court (judicial branch) buildings in Washington, D.C.
Separation of Powers / Checks and Balances

- **PRESIDENT**
  (Executive Branch)
  - Can declare an executive action unconstitutional
  - Appoints federal judges
  - Can declare a law unconstitutional
  - Approves federal judges

- **CONGRESS**
  (Legislative Branch)
  - Can veto a bill
  - Can reject a treaty signed by the president

- **THE COURTS**
  (Judicial Branch)
  - Approves federal judges
Question 14

What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
Question #14

- checks and balances
- separation of powers
The Executive Branch

The White House, Washington, D.C.
President Donald Trump
Who is in charge of the executive branch?
Question #15

the President

The White House in Washington, D.C.
What is the name of the President of the United States now?*
Question #28

President Donald Trump
Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
the President

President Franklin D. Roosevelt reviewing American troops in Casablanca, Morocco during World War II.

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USW33-027834-ZC.
How a Law is Made

Bill introduced in House of Representatives

House makes their own version of bill

House debates and votes on bill

Bill introduced in Senate

Senate makes their own version of bill

Senate debates and votes on bill

Both houses vote on final bill; Bill is sent to President

House-Senate committee writes final bill

President signs bill into law or vetoes it

CONGRESS

PRESIDENT
Who signs bills to become laws?
Question #33

President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the Immigration Act of 1965 on October 3rd of that same year, Liberty Island, NY. 

Courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum.
Question 34

Who vetoes bills?

Civics Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test
President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the Immigration Act of 1965 on October 3rd of that same year, Liberty Island, NY.

Courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum.
The Cabinet
What does the President’s Cabinet do?
President Ronald Reagan advises the President during a Cabinet meeting at the White House in September 1986. Courtesy of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, C3686419.
What are two Cabinet-level positions?
Question #36

- 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
- Vice President
Vice President Mike Pence
What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?
Question #29

* Michael Richard Pence
* Mike Pence
* Pence
Question 30

If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
the Vice President

Swearing in of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson as president aboard Air Force One following the death of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

Courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, photo by Cecil Stoughton.
The Two Major Political Parties

Republican  Democratic
Question 45

What are the two major political parties in the United States?*

Civics Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test
Democratic and Republican

What is the political party of the President now?
Republican (Party)
Third Parties Bring New Ideas
November is Coming!

Be sure to vote!
Question 26

We elect a President for how many years?
The inauguration of President Theodore Roosevelt on March 4, 1905.

Question 27

In what month do we vote for President?*

Civics Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test
November
How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?*

Civics Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
eighteen (18) and older
Question
70

Who was the first President?*

Civics Flash Cards
for the Naturalization Test
(George) Washington
How a President is Elected
States with two colors have different dates for the Democratic and Republican primaries.

Source: http://frontloading.blogspot.com/p/2012-presidential-primary-calendar.html
The Electoral College
Representatives + Senators = Electors
Presidential Order of Succession

President

Vice President

Speaker of the House
If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
the Speaker of the House

The Rostrum, a place for public speaking, is the location from which the Speaker of the House presides. Courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.
Question 47

What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?
(Paul D.) Ryan

Paul Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.