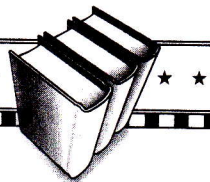


# Guided Reading Activity 14-2



## The Basis of Citizenship

**★ DIRECTIONS** Use the information in your textbook to list three ways in which people become U.S. citizens. Briefly explain the requirements of each route to citizenship.

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**★ DIRECTIONS** Use the information in your textbook to complete these sentences.

4. To start the naturalization process, an applicant must file a \_\_\_\_\_ requesting United States citizenship.
5. Anyone who is at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old and who has lived in the United States as a lawfully admitted resident alien for \_\_\_\_\_ continuous years and in the state where the petition is filed for at least \_\_\_\_\_ months may apply for citizenship.
6. If the applicant is married to a United States citizen, he or she needs only \_\_\_\_\_ years of residency before filing.
7. The key step in the naturalization process is an investigation and preliminary hearing that the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ conducts.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is a process by which members of a whole group of people, living in the same geographic area, become U.S. citizens through an act of Congress.
9. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ can both grant citizenship and take it away.
10. U.S. citizens can lose citizenship through \_\_\_\_\_, or giving up one's citizenship by leaving the United States to live in a foreign country.
11. A person may lose citizenship when convicted of certain federal crimes that involve extreme disloyalty, such as \_\_\_\_\_, participation in a \_\_\_\_\_, and attempts to overthrow the government through violent means.