

A Citizenship Quiz for Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa (Dec 26 to Jan 1) is a week-long celebration held in the United States to honor African heritage and culture. Each night, people light a candle on a kinara (candle holder) which represents the following principles:

Unity (Umoja): To strive for and to maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance? (52)

- a) the African Union
- b) the United States of Africa
- c) the United States of America
- d) the United Kingdom

Self-Determination (Kujichagulia): To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves.

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

- a) Black lives matter!
- b) Freed the slaves!
- c) We the People!
- d) Yes, we can!

Collective Work and Responsibility (Ujima): To build and maintain our community together and make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems and to solve them together

What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?* (49)

- a) serve in a civilian corps
- b) serve in a state militia
- c) serve on a committee
- d) serve on a jury

Cooperative Economics (Ujamaa): To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

What is the economic system in the United States?* (11)

- a) cash-only economy
- b) command economy
- c) market economy
- d) mixed economy

Purpose (Nia): To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen? (53)

- a) do important work for the nation (if needed)
- b) get more job training (if needed)
- c) learn a second or third language (if needed)
- d) take a second job (if needed)

Creativity (Kuumba): To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and better than we inherited it.

What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy? (55)

- a) join a choir group
- b) join a church group
- c) join a civic group
- d) join a community group

Faith (Imani): To believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?* (85)

- a) organized freedom rides
- b) ran for president
- c) talked about dreams
- d) worked for equality for all Americans