

Citizenship Quiz in Honor of Italian-American Heritage Month (October)

- 01.** In 1492, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas. The second Monday in October commemorates this event. **Name two national U.S. holidays. (100)**
- a. Columbus Day
 - b. Día de la Raza
 - c. Indigenous Peoples' Day
 - d. Thanksgiving
- 02.** Like the original American colonists, many Italians immigrated to the U.S. (1880-1920) to escape violence and to find a better life for their families. **What is one reason colonists came to America? (58)**
- a. economic opportunity
 - b. free land
 - c. no military service
 - d. social services
- 03.** In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was founded to help immigrants and has grown into the largest Catholic social service organization. **What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy? (55)**
- a. publicly feed the homeless
 - b. publicly support or oppose an issue
 - c. join a community group
 - d. join a church
- 04.** In 1889, Mother Cabrini left Italy and came to the U.S. to start schools and hospitals. In 1946, the Catholic Church named her as the 1st American saint. **What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment? (6)**
- a. education
 - b. immigration
 - c. naturalization
 - d. religion
- 05.** In 1920, many people sent letters to the Governor for Sacco and Vanzetti who were convicted of murder because of their political beliefs and anti-Italian prejudice. **What are two rights of everyone living in the US? (100)**
- a. freedom of expression
 - b. freedom to discriminate
 - c. freedom to petition the government
 - d. freedom to use guns and bombs
- 06.** In 1945, son of Italian immigrants, Marine Sgt. John Basilone, was killed at the Battle of Iwo Jima. After the war, he received many awards for outstanding bravery. **Who did the United States fight in World War II? (81)**
- a. Germany, Japan, and Russia
 - b. Italy, Germany, and Austria
 - c. Japan, Germany, and Italy
 - d. The Philippines, Japan, and China
- 07.** In 1984, Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro (NY-9) became the first female and Italian-American vice presidential candidate. **What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now? (36)**
- a. Janet Napolitano
 - b. Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
 - c. Mario Cuomo
 - d. Mike Pence
- 08.** In 1986, Antonin Scalia became the first Italian-American to serve on the Supreme Court. **Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now? (40)**
- a. Ann Marie Calabria
 - b. John Roberts
 - c. John Sirica
 - d. Samuel Alito
- 09.** In 2007, Nancy Pelosi (CA-12) became the first female and first Italian-American to serve as the Speaker of the House (2007-2011). **What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now? (39)**
- a. John Boehner
 - b. John Garamendi
 - c. Paul Cellucci
 - d. Paul Ryan
- 10.** As the son of Italian immigrants and an interpreter on Ellis Island (1907-1910), Fiorello H. La Guardia experienced how immigration policies affected families. Later as a U.S. Congressman and Mayor of America's largest city, he worked to change immigration laws. Recently, an airport was named in La Guardia's honor and Ellis Island was made part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument. **Where is the Statue of Liberty?* (95)**
- a. Columbia County, New York
 - b. New Columbia (new state)
 - c. New Columbus, Indiana
 - d. New York (Harbor)