

I'm Interested . . .

Now What Do I Do?

Links to reference materials will be posted on our website (www.lwv-aa.org) and updated over the next few weeks.

If your group is interested in joining in the fun, download an application form from our website and return via e-mail to Mary Ann Ashton or via USPS to the League of Women Voters-Acton Area, Post Office Box 817, Acton, MA 01720-0817. If you are interested in participating but don't have a group, please return the form and we will work with you to put together a team.

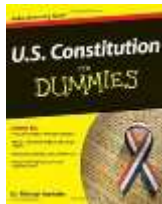
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Resources

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services – study materials for the Civics Test (<http://www.citizenshiptoolkit.gov>)



U.S. Constitution for Dummies, by Michael Arnheim



The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution, by Linda R. Monk

***Answers?**

(If you're looking for the answers, we think you're a great candidate for the bee! Go find a team and join the fun.)

(1) We the People; (2) B – provide schooling and education; (3) speech, religion, assembly, press, petition the government; (4) Mississippi or Missouri.



Get into the BUZZ of the Civics Bee

Gather a Team and Test the Sharpness of your Civics Knowledge

**Sunday, March 11, 2012
2 p.m.**

**Acton Town Hall,
Faulkner Room**

Join in Community Fun!



How Dumb Are We?

Last spring a *Newsweek* article asked the question, "How Dumb Are We?" The article reported that after asking 1,000 American citizens a variety of questions about our basic civic knowledge, 38 percent failed the test. You can test your own knowledge on the *Newsweek* website (<http://www.newsweek.com/2011/03/20/how-dumb-are-we.html>). Nationwide the National Assessment of Educational Progress found that only a quarter of high school seniors scored "proficient" in civics knowledge and skills. This is our chance as a community to see how we compare.

Civics Bee = Civic Engagement and Fun

The League of Women Voters encourages civic engagement in all aspects of our government, and we're now offering residents in our communities a chance to come together for a fun afternoon of friendly competition to help you engage in government – how much do you remember from your social studies and civics classes? On **Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 2 p.m.**, we are sponsoring a **Civics Bee** to claim bragging rights for you, your friends, your neighbors, or your town group.

Find out how much we all know about our national, state and local government, the Constitution, our nation's history and geography, current economics, our elected representatives and what they all do. Join with your neighbors and friends for this fun community-building event with friendly competition. Prizes will be offered to all teams who compete.

Social studies teachers at AB Regional High School are working with us to develop questions, and will encourage several teams of high school students to compete as well. We expect that all teams will compete in a "first round" of questions, and then several teams will move on to more advanced rounds of questions.

Do you know the answers to some of these questions?*

1. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
2. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. Which one of these is NOT a federal government power? A. Print money, B. provide schooling and education, C. declare war, D. make treaties, E. create an army.
3. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
4. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.

