

2018 HI/PO 320 Citizen Nation Final Exam Study Guide

The Final Exam will take place on Tuesday, December 18 at 12:30 pm. You can bring the following books with you and use them during the exam: the Course Reader, Waldman's *Fight to Vote*, and Bellamy, *Citizenship*. Otherwise, this is a closed-notes exam. It will be a combination of multiple choice, short answer and essay.

Provide a general definition of "citizenship." (See Bellamy's book)

What are the rights and duties of United States citizenship?

In 2018, how can someone become a US citizen (hint: there's more than one way)?

For the following amendments to the US Constitution, be able to do ANY or ALL of the following: identify them, distinguish between (compare / contrast), set them into their historical context including date of passage or ratification, paraphrase main idea, explain how each applies to US citizenship:

14, 15, 19, 23, 24, and 26

At the time of the nation's founding (for example, in Blackstone's writing, the original Constitution itself, or John Adams's view), what was the prevailing wisdom about who deserved to participate in politics?

What criteria would you use to judge a country to be a functioning and effective democracy? According to Waldman, did the United States meet that criteria in the early 1800s? In your view (with evidence), does the United States meet that criteria now?

What were the Insular Cases and why are they important?

How and when did women gain the right to vote?

Compare how American citizenship was achieved and experienced by Native Americans, African Americans and Asian Americans in the 20th century. (See Reader Day 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20)

In what ways, according to scholar Linda Kerber, is modern citizenship "unstable"? (see Reader Day 9) Has it become more stable since her essay was written, or less so? Explain, using evidence.

What are recent trends in voting rights across the nation, and to what do you attribute these changes? (See Reader, Day 15-16)

Would you support a question on the 2020 census that asks about citizenship status? What are the arguments for and against such a proposal?