



How Many States Are in the United States? - Quiz

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Q1. How many original colonies became the first states of the United States?

- A. 10
- B. 13
- C. 15
- D. 20

Q2. What document did the original 13 colonies need to ratify to become states?

- A. Declaration of Independence
- B. Articles of Confederation
- C. United States Constitution
- D. Bill of Rights

Q3. Which clause in the Constitution gives Congress the authority to admit new states?

- A. Commerce Clause
- B. Supremacy Clause
- C. Admissions Clause
- D. Elastic Clause

Q4. What was the minimum population requirement for a territory to apply for statehood according to the Northwest Ordinance of 1787?

- A. 30,000 free males
- B. 60,000 free males
- C. 100,000 free males
- D. 120,000 free males

Q5. Which two states were the last to be admitted to the Union in 1959?

- A. Alaska and Hawaii
- B. Arizona and New Mexico
- C. Oklahoma and Texas
- D. Florida and California

Q6. Which of the following is NOT one of the original 13 states?

- A. Delaware
- B. Georgia
- C. Kentucky
- D. Massachusetts

Q7. What is the name of the act that allows a territory to draft a state constitution?

- A. Enabling Act
- B. Admission Act
- C. Statehood Act
- D. Constitutional Act

Q8. Which U.S. territory became part of the United States via a deed of cession in 1900?

- A. Guam
- B. Puerto Rico
- C. American Samoa
- D. U.S. Virgin Islands

Q9. In what year was the United States Constitution officially proposed to the delegates from each colony?

- A. 1776
- B. 1787
- C. 1789
- D. 1791

Q10. Which of the following territories does NOT have citizens who are U.S. citizens by birth?

- A. Puerto Rico
- B. Guam
- C. American Samoa
- D. U.S. Virgin Islands

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: C
3. Q3: C
4. Q4: B
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: C
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: C