

For use with "Who's Allowed to Be President?" on p. 6 of the magazine

QUIZ

Who's Allowed to Be President?

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.

CHECK COMPREHENSION

- 1. The requirement that a United States president be a "natural born citizen"**
 - a was added to the Constitution in 1790.
 - b is the only requirement for the presidency mentioned in the Constitution.
 - c has been interpreted in different ways.
 - d all of the above

- 2. Some have challenged Ted Cruz's eligibility to run for president mainly because he was born**
 - a in Cuba.
 - b in Canada.
 - c to noncitizen immigrants.
 - d on a U.S. military base overseas.

- 3. The movement known as "birtherism" holds that**
 - a the "natural born citizen" requirement is outdated.
 - b a natural born citizen is anyone born to at least one parent who is a U.S. citizen.
 - c President Barack Obama was not born in the U.S.
 - d Naturalization should be eliminated as a path to citizenship.

- 4. Removing the "natural born citizen" language from the Constitution would require**
 - a ratification by 38 of the 50 state legislatures.
 - b the approval of two thirds of the Senate.
 - c the approval of two thirds of the House of Representatives.
 - d all of the above

ANALYZE THE TEXT

- 5. Which question is NOT answered in the article?**
 - a What does the "natural born citizen" requirement mean today?
 - b When was the term "natural born citizen" crafted?
 - c What are the constitutional requirements for the presidency?
 - d Why is the "natural born citizen" requirement controversial?

- 6. The article talks about the possibility of a "definitive Supreme Court ruling." You can infer that the word *definitive* means**
 - a contemporary
 - b restrictive
 - c hurried
 - d conclusive

- 7. Which phrase from the article best supports your answer to question 6?**
 - a "intentionally challenging"
 - b "original intent"
 - c "that would settle the issue"
 - d "incentive to act quickly"

- 8. Laurence Tribe suggests that Ted Cruz might file a lawsuit**
 - a if he wins the Republican nomination but a state still denies him a spot on the ballot.
 - b if his rivals continue questioning his qualifications.
 - c on behalf of 17 members of Congress who were born outside the U.S.
 - d none of the above

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS Please use the other side of this paper for your responses.

- 9. What was one of John Jay's concerns about the national government, spelled out in his letter to George Washington during the Constitutional Convention?**

- 10. Based on the article, why might a decision about the "natural born citizen" requirement for the presidency affect the vice presidency as well?**