

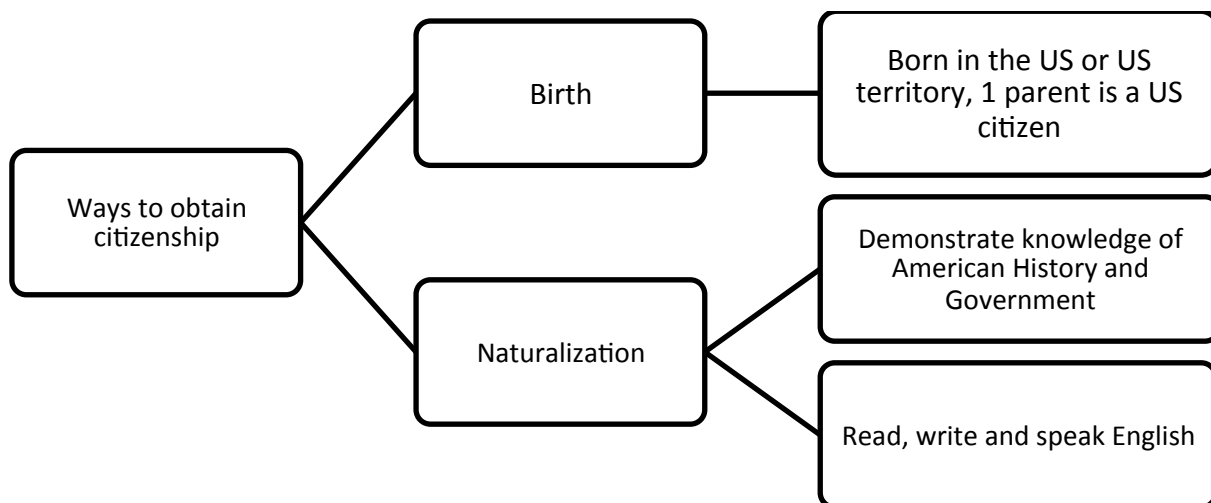
### CE.3a in a Nutshell



SOL CE.3a is all about: **Citizenship**



The **14th** Amendment defines citizenship. It says, “All persons **born** or **naturalized** in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and the state wherein they reside.”



**Immigration** and **naturalization**, particularly in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, have led to an increasingly diverse society.



# Are YOU a citizen?

Directions: Read the citizenship scenarios below and decide whether or not the person is a US citizen. Explain why or why not.

**Scenario #1:**

You were born and raised in Falls Church, Virginia just like your mother and father. You traveled to France for half a school year as an exchange student. Are you a citizen? Why or why not?

**Yes, you were born in the United States.**

**Scenario #2:**

You were born in Boston, Massachusetts but your mother and father are in the United States illegally. Are you a citizen? Why or why not?

**Yes, you were born in the United States.**

**Scenario #3:**

Your mother was born and raised in the United States for 19 years. After high school she moved to Brazil for 2 years and met your father. You were born in Brazil the next year. Are you a citizen? Why or why not?

**Yes, because your mother is a US citizen.**

**Scenario #4:**

Your mom, dad, and you were born in Mexico. You came to the United States illegally when you were only 2 weeks old. Your younger sister was born in California where you now live. Are you a citizen? Why or why not?

**No, you were not born in the US nor did you go through the naturalization process.**

**Scenario #5:**

Your mother and father moved to the United States 16 years ago from Japan, where they were both born. You were born in Nevada. Both of your parents underwent the naturalization process. Are you a citizen? Why or why not?

**Yes, you were born in the United States.**

**Scenario #6:**

You came to America on your own at age 23 from Egypt. You are the only member of your family to immigrate to the United States. Both of your parents are from Egypt and you successfully completed the naturalization process. Are you a citizen? Why or why not?

**Yes, because you completed the naturalization process.**