In order of appearance in *Preparing for the Oath*, the Civics Test items covered in this theme are:

68. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
   - U.S. diplomat
   - oldest member of the Constitutional Convention
   - first Postmaster General of the United States
   - writer of "Poor Richard’s Almanac"
   - started the first free libraries

62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
   - (Thomas) Jefferson

69. Who is the “Father of Our Country”?
   - (George) Washington

70. Who was the first President?
   - (George) Washington

67. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.
   - (James) Madison
   - (Alexander) Hamilton
   - (John) Jay
   - Publius

75. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?
   - freed the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation)
   - saved (or preserved) the Union
   - led the United States during the Civil War

77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
   - fought for women’s rights
   - fought for civil rights

85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?
   - fought for civil rights
   - worked for equality for all Americans
Overview
This Teacher Guide will take you through the Civics Test questions covered in the theme, Famous Citizens. The instructional steps provided here target ESL students at the high beginning level. Watch the video on the Help screen and take some time to familiarize yourself with the elements and navigation of Preparing for the Oath so that you are comfortable presenting it to your class.

Introduction
To start the lesson, open the theme and present the Introduction Screen. Read the introductory paragraph aloud and discuss it with the students.

These American citizens are famous for shaping the United States. Some of these people, like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, helped to form the United States. Others were activists who worked to change the United States, like Susan B. Anthony and Martin Luther King, Jr. The work of these citizens is an important part of the American story.

Explore the Questions
These steps will help you guide your class through the theme, using an LCD projector:

1. Distribute the handout Key Vocabulary—Famous Citizens and review the definitions with the students.
2. Click on the Start button to begin the first video, Benjamin Franklin.
3. Play the video for the class with the captions on or off.
4. Pause the video where appropriate to discuss the vocabulary and images with the class.
5. Play the video again without pausing.
6. If there is a Practice activity available for this question, click on the “Practice” tab.
7. View and discuss the Practice activity.
8. Click on the “Try” tab.
9. Listen to the Civics Test item and have the students select the answer. Click on the “hear question” button to listen to the item repeatedly. After choosing the correct option, students can hear the answer aloud while they read along at the bottom of the screen.
10. Go through the rest of the videos in this theme, using the steps above.
11. Once the class has gone through all of the videos in this theme, wrap up this lesson with the handout, Crossword Puzzle—Famous Citizens, or assign it to the students for homework.
Key Vocabulary—Famous Citizens

act: a law that is officially accepted by the government
activist: someone who works for social or political change
amendment: a change or addition to the U.S. Constitution
celebrate: to do something special because of a certain day or event
citizen: a person who legally belongs to a country and has the rights and protection of that country
constitutional: when something is allowed because it is in the U.S. Constitution
create: to make something new
diplomat: someone who officially represents his/her government in a foreign country
election: an event when people choose a member of government by voting
equal: to be the same
equality: a situation where everyone has the same rights
free: to be set free; to be allowed to live without control from others
general: a person with a high rank in the Army, Air Force, or Marines
independence: free; not controlled by another person or country
inventor: someone who creates something for the first time
liberty: freedom
nonviolent: with no use of violence
postmaster general: the person in charge of the United States Postal Service
powerful: having a lot of power or control
protect: to keep something or someone safe
protest: to say or show that you disagree with something
pursuit of happiness: seeking a happy life
right: something you are morally or legally allowed to do
segregation: to make people live, work, and study separately because of their race, religion, or ethnicity
separate: to keep something or someone apart
slaves: people that are owned by other people and are forced to work without pay

speech: an expression of ideas and opinions that is made by someone who is speaking in front of a group of people

symbol: something that is used to represent an idea or organization

term: the period of time someone serves in a political office
Crossword Puzzle—Famous Citizens

Read the sentences. Fill in the correct word or words in the blank. Then write those words in the crossword puzzle.

Across
1. Alexander Hamilton and John Jay were writers of the ____________________ Papers.
4. ____________________ started the first public libraries.
8. Benjamin Franklin was a U.S. ________________.
10. ____________________ fought for women’s rights.
11. Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for ________________ ____________________.

Down
2. ____________________ was one writer of the Federalist Papers.
3. Abraham Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation which freed the ________________.
5. George Washington was the ____________ President.
6. ____________________ led the United States during the Civil War.
7. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. ____________________.
9. Benjamin Franklin is famous for being the first ________________ General.

Visit http://americanhistory.si.edu/citizenship/index.html?theme=11 to go directly to the Famous Citizens theme.