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

88. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.
   • Missouri (River)
   • Mississippi (River)

89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?
   • Pacific (Ocean)

90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?
   • Atlantic (Ocean)

91. Name one U.S. territory.
   • Puerto Rico
   • U.S. Virgin Islands
   • American Samoa
   • Northern Mariana Islands
   • Guam

92. Name one state that borders Canada.
   • Maine
   • New Hampshire
   • Vermont
   • New York
   • Pennsylvania
   • Ohio
   • Michigan
   • Minnesota
   • North Dakota
   • Montana
   • Idaho
   • Washington
   • Alaska

93. Name one state that borders Mexico.
   • California
   • Arizona
   • New Mexico
   • Texas

94. What is the capital of the United States?
   • Washington, D.C.

44. What is the capital of your state?
   • Answers will vary. [District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. is not a state and does not have a capital. Residents of U.S. territories should name the capital of the territory.]
Overview
This Teacher Guide will take you through the Civics Test questions covered in the theme, *Geography*. 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.

Special notes: Display U.S. maps in your classroom as well as maps of your state. Have the students find the capital of the state where they reside. [For the naturalization interview, District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. is not a state and does not have a capital. Residents of U.S. territories should name the capital of the territory.]

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

This is a map of the continental United States. It shows cities and towns. We can also see that the United States is connected to other places in the world. Rivers and oceans help people travel to and from the United States. Canada is the country to the north. Mexico is the country to the south. This section will explore the geography of the United States.

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

1. Distribute the handout *Key Vocabulary—Geography* and review the definitions with the students.
2. Click on the Start button to begin the first video, *Longest Rivers*.
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, *Label the Map—Geography*, or assign it to the students for homework.
Key Vocabulary—Geography

**colony:** a country or geographic area controlled by another country

**district:** an official area of a state whose citizens elect a Representative to the House of Representatives

**federal:** part of the central U.S. government, not state or local governments

**legislatures:** members of the branch of government that makes laws

**representatives:** elected members of a government group in the United States, such as in Congress
Label the Map—Geography

Look at the map below. Write (or label) each place on the map.

- Label your state.
- Label the capital of your state.
- Label Puerto Rico, one of the U.S. territories.
- Label one of the two longest rivers.
- Label the capital of the United States.
- Label one state that borders Canada.
- Label one state that borders Mexico.
- Label the ocean on the West Coast.
- Label the ocean on the East Coast.

Please note: Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico (in boxes) are not in their correct geographical places on this map. Please look at a world map for their correct location in relation to the continental United States.

Visit http://americanhistory.si.edu/citizenship/index.html?theme=7 to go directly to the Geography theme.