



CIVIL DISCOURSE

An American Legacy Toolkit

■ **Module:** Citizenship

Beyond the Legacy: Video Guide

1. How has citizenship as membership been problematic?
2. How was our concept of citizenship shaped by our early colonial/state experiences?
3. What role did the Constitution play?
4. How did the experience of state citizenship transform into national citizenship?
5. Why was the Civil War considered a turning point for citizenship?
6. How did diverse groups face different issues regarding citizenship during this time?
7. Describe the role of inclusion and exclusion during this time period.
8. How do the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments shape citizenship?
9. How have the Amendments and court decisions post-Civil War continued the tension between inclusion and exclusion?
10. What is the significance of the case *Minor v. Happerset*, the Chinese Exclusion Act, and Emma Lazarus's *The New Colossus*?
11. How has the inclusion and exclusion dichotomy continued?
12. How does Professor Chambers explain the insider and outsider tension?
13. How are naturalized versus birthright citizenship different and the same?
14. Describe some of the persistent issues with citizenship in America, such as how to treat people on the path to citizenship, the rights of Dreamers, and voting rights for non-citizens.