

## **SS.7.C.2.1**

**Define the term "citizen," and identify legal means of becoming a United States citizen.**

### **Citizens:**

Owe loyalty to their country (government)

Get protection from their country (government)

### **Two ways to become a citizen**

#### **1-By Birth**

born in USA (including territories such as Puerto Rico), or on a military base (even if parents are not citizens)

or born in another country if one or both parents are citizens

#### **2-By naturalization**

must be legal resident for 5 years

minimum age = 18

application, interview, test, take oath (administered by a federal judge)

whole process is in English