

**Civics (History and Government) Questions for the Naturalization Test**

**AMERICAN HISTORY**

**A: Colonial Period and Independence**

**58. What is one reason colonists came to America?**

▪ *freedom*

▪ *political liberty*

▪ *religious freedom*

▪ *economic opportunity*

▪ *practice their religion*

▪ *escape persecution*

**59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?**

▪ *American Indians*

▪ *Native Americans*

**60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?**

▪ *Africans*

▪ *people from Africa*

**61. Why did the colonists fight the British?**

▪ *because of high taxes (taxation without representation)*

▪ *because the British army stayed in their houses (boarding, quartering)*

▪ *because they didn’t have self-government*

**62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?**

▪ *(Thomas) Jefferson*

**63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?**

▪ *July 4, 1776*

**64. There were 13 original states. Name three.**

▪ *New Hampshire*

▪ *Massachusetts*

▪ *Rhode Island*

▪ *Connecticut*

▪ *New York*

▪ *New Jersey*

▪ *Pennsylvania*

▪ *Delaware*

▪ *Maryland*

▪ *Virginia*

▪ *North Carolina*

▪ *South Carolina*

▪ *Georgia*