

Free USA Learns Citizenship Course usalearns.org

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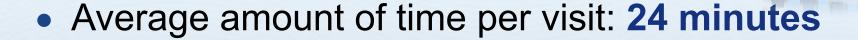
Topics for Today

- Overview of the naturalization interview
- Tour the USA Learns Citizenship course
- How to make a teacher account
- Ideas about how to use it in your library



USA Learns Statistics

- Web pages viewed since 2008: 1.8 Billion
- Number of website users: 13 Million



- Number of users per day: 9,000
- Accessed by every country in the world





USA Learns Statistics

Top states: Florida, California, Texas, New York, Massachusetts



Top cities in CA: Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Stockton, Fremont, Fresno, Oakland, and Sunnyvale



USA Learns Citizenship



What makes it so special?

Prepare for ALL aspects of the naturalization interview + FREE



USA Learns Citizenship Statistics

November 2017 – Dec 31, 2019

- 175,000 learners
- 1.8 million activities completed





USA Learns Citizenship - Quality Content

Content developed in partnership with...

- Expert ESL and citizenship teachers
- Immigration attorneys at Immigrant Legal Resource Center
- USCIS program specialists



Utilizes high-quality resources...

 Aligns with USCIS Adult Ed Citizenship education content standards and foundation skills

Uses USA Learns best practices



What happens during the interview? We teach it!

Questions about your N-400 Application for Naturalization

- Are you eligible for citizenship?
- Are you telling the truth? Do your answers match the ones you wrote on the N-400?
- Are there errors on your N-400 application?
- Are there changes, such as a new address or a new workplace?

U.S. History and Civics test

10 questions from the USCIS <u>list of 100 questions</u>. You must correctly answer 6.

Reading and Writing test

 Read one sentence out loud and write one sentence in English. Get 3 chances to read and 3 chances to write one sentence correctly.

English speaking

- Small talk
- General speaking throughout the interview



USA Learns Citizenship



Let's take a tour!



Praise From Experts

"I'm not aware of another free resource that is this in-depth and prepares applicants for ALL aspects of the naturalization interview. The combination of reading, writing, listening and speaking practice makes this course ideal for many levels of citizenship students."

> - Jennifer Gagliardi, U.S. Citizenship Teacher



Creating a Teacher Account

How to do it...



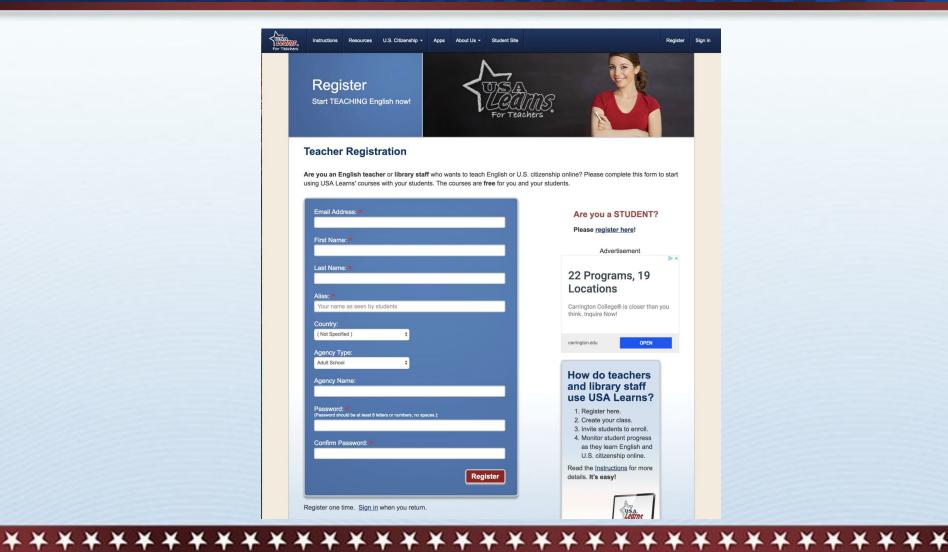
Teacher Side

https://usalearns.org/teacher



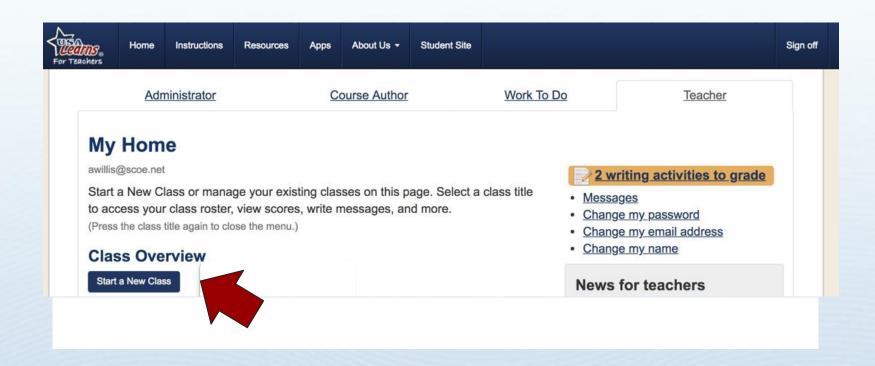


Register



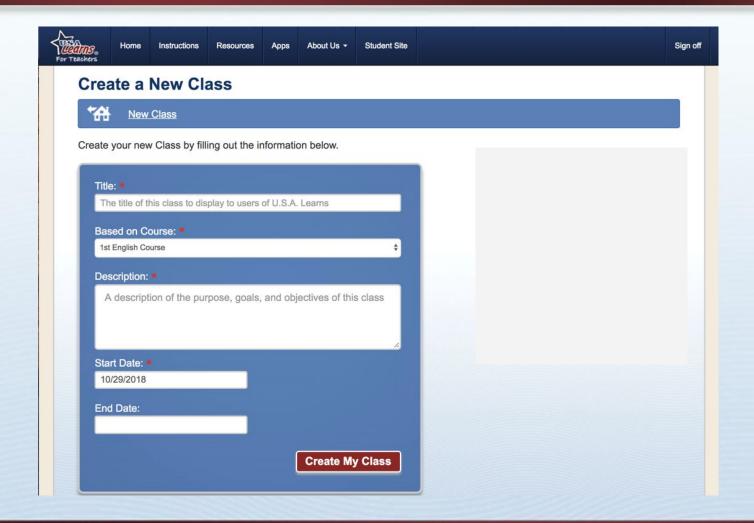


Start a New Class



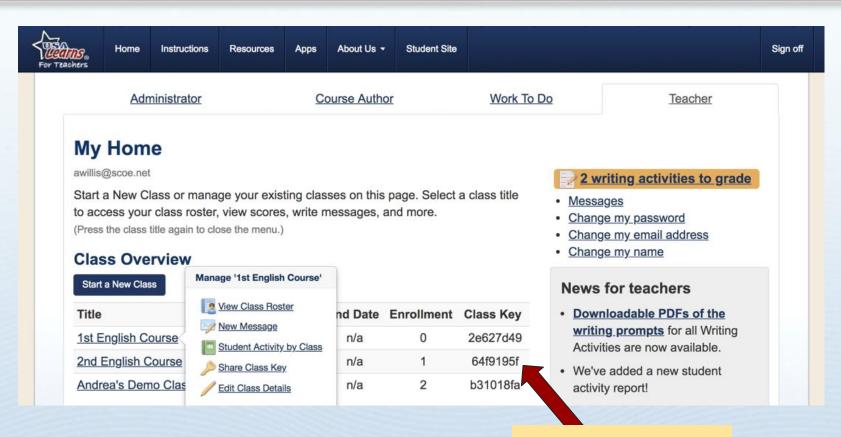


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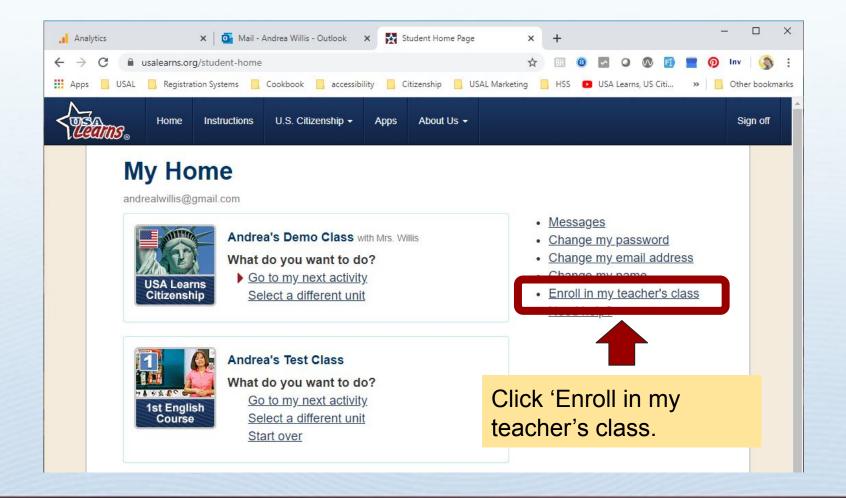
Class Key



Share your class key with learners



Student Enters Class Key - 1

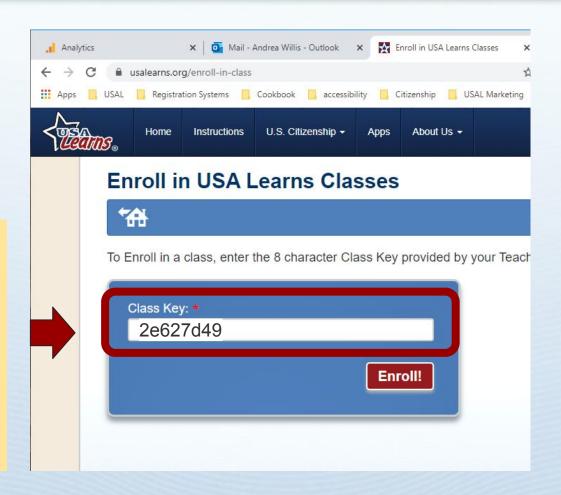




Student Enters Class Key - 2

Students enter your class key here. Click 'Enroll!'

They're in your class!





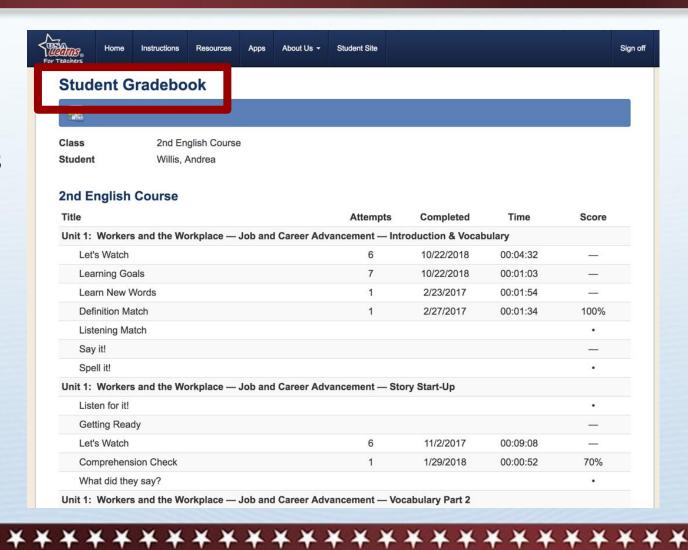
You can monitor progress

Attempts

Dates

Time spent

Scores





How could you use it?

Based on what you've seen, how could YOU use the this course in your library?



Katy, how do you use it in a library?





"I take it on the road! I use USA Learns to teach citizenship and English."



Set up a citizenship corner with print materials and a computer (with headphones and microphone).





Use it in small groups or one-on-one.



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Use it in a "flipped" or "blended" model:

Learners study online at home, then you provide in-class instruction.





Tutors set up a teacher account. Learners study **USA Learns** Citizenship at home with face-to-face tutoring.



https://tinyurl.com/u6azf87



Insider Scoop - English Courses

1st English Course

- Low to High Beginner ESL NRS 2-3
- 192 lessons and 639 activities



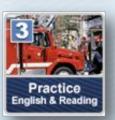
2nd English Course

- Low to High Intermediate ESL NRS 4-5
- 141 lessons, 848 activities



Practice English & Reading

- Real news stories and activities
- Builds vocabulary, speaking and comprehension skills



New!

English 1 Plus

- Beginning high / intermediate low course
- Based on Voice of America Let's Learn Engli









Insider Scoop

- USA Learns Citizenship was partly funded by the California State Library. Thank you!
- USA Learns is optimized for computers and tablets.
- 4 free apps: USA Learns English Apps (beginning English)
- Students need an email account. Getting one is a good digital literacy activity. Try gmail!



Insider Scoop

- New Access America course is being built.
 - Helps immigrants integrate into US society
 - Covers civic, linguistic, economic and local integration
 - Built in partnership with USCIS



Questions?

Just ask!



Thank You!



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