

Exclusions from Citizenship Discussion Questions

Instructions: Read the “Exclusions from Citizenship” section of the “Citizenship” article to find out how different minority groups have historically been excluded from citizenship.

1. Which groups were excluded from having citizenship rights in Aristotle’s city-state and the Roman Republic?

2. How was the Roman Republic divided, and what rights were granted to different groups?

3. In the U.S. Constitution, which groups were excluded from citizenship?

4. When did women gain the right to vote in the United States, Great Britain, and Switzerland? What challenges have women had to overcome to gain equal citizenship rights? What challenges are still present today?

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5. What were the 15th Amendment and the Voting Rights Act of 1965? What challenges have Black Americans had to overcome to gain equal citizenship rights? What challenges are still present today?

6. In comparison to the United States, how did minority groups gain citizenship rights in Great Britain?

7. Which groups of people are excluded from full participation in citizenship while still being protected by the laws of the state and nation?

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