

**Preparing for the Oath – Sample Answers**  
**Maria del Carmen Cossu – Sample Answers**

1. **Who is speaking (also called, “the informant”)?** Maria del Carmen Cossu
2. **When did the informant come to the U.S.?** 1987
3. **When did the informant become a naturalized citizen?** 2008
4. **What procedural steps did the informant complete to get his or her naturalization?** Paperwork, study for the exam, complete the application, interview with an immigration officer, and attended swearing in.
5. **Does the informant reveal any emotions about naturalization such as excitement, sadness, or happiness?** It was very emotional. She was excited and proud.
6. **Why did the informant want to become a naturalized citizen?** She was able to become more involved in government and society.
7. **What object did the informant bring to the interview?** A portable altar from Peru that travelers used throughout Peru.
8. **Briefly describe the object’s appearance, including size, color, and shape.** Approximately the size of a shoebox, painted with flowers and leaves.
9. **Why did the informant bring this object?** The portable altar reminds her of Peru. She keeps it to remind her of her home country now that she is living in the U.S.
10. **What was the impact of naturalization on the informant?** She was able to vote for the first time in 2010.

**Magdalena Mieri – Sample Answers**

1. **Who is speaking (also called, “the informant”)?** Magdalena Mieri
2. **When did the informant come to the U.S.?** 1992
3. **When did the informant become a naturalized citizen?** 2004
4. **What procedural steps did the informant complete to get his or her naturalization?** Filling out paperwork, paying fees, studying for the interview, completing the interview, and attending the ceremony.
5. **Does the informant reveal any emotions about naturalization such as excitement, sadness, or happiness?** Sadness to give up her home country but excitement to become involved in civic society in the U.S.
6. **Why did the informant want to become a naturalized citizen?** In order to vote and become involved in civic society.
7. **What object did the informant bring to the interview?** A pin
8. **Briefly describe the object’s appearance, including size, color, and shape.** A turquoise and silver flower pin that looks similar to the Argentinian flag.
9. **Why did the informant bring this object?** The pin represents Argentina and she wore it to her naturalization ceremony. Although she is a U.S. citizen, in her heart she will always be part of Argentina. The pin was made by Navajo Indians. Her first experience in the U.S. was learning about native cultures, so she felt it was a good representation of her home country and her new country.
10. **What was the impact of naturalization on the informant?** It was an emotional impact. She felt that she is part of the society.

**Gunter Waibel – Sample Answers**

1. **Who is speaking (also called, “the informant”)?** Gunter Waibel
2. **When did the informant come to the U.S.?** When he was 24.
3. **When did the informant become a naturalized citizen?** Not shared in the video.
4. **What procedural steps did the informant complete to get his or her naturalization?** There are a lot of steps along the way. You have to be eligible to be naturalized. He had his green card (residency) for five years, completed a background check, completed his interview, took the exam and went to the ceremony.
5. **Does the informant reveal any emotions about naturalization such as excitement, sadness, or happiness?** It was a moving event (naturalization ceremony). He was emotional about the ceremony.
6. **Why did the informant want to become a naturalized citizen?** His friends and life were in the U.S. and he wanted to have a personal sense of security. When he found out he was having a child, he wanted to make sure that he didn’t have to leave the country.
7. **What object did the informant bring to the interview?** U.S. flag socks.
8. **Briefly describe the object’s appearance, including size, color, and shape.** Men’s socks with white stars with a blue background at the top and red and white stripes on the bottom.
9. **Why did the informant bring this object?** His wife gave him the socks for the naturalization ceremony. They are a fun memory of celebrating the naturalization ceremony.
10. **What was the impact of naturalization on the informant?** It makes him look differently at others who have become naturalization. He is appreciative of others who have gone through the process.