

Law of Soil

Being born in the United States

Law of Blood

Being born to a mother or father who is a United States citizen

Immigrant

A person who comes to a country to live there permanently

Alien

A person who is living in the
U.S. who is not a citizen

(Can be temporary or permanent)

Permanent Resident

- A person that is given the opportunity to permanently live and work in the U.S. legally but is not a citizen
- Permanent residents receive a Green Card that provides information about the legal status of living and working in the U.S.
 - Most Green Cards are valid for 10 years

Naturalization Process

The steps a person can go through to become a U.S. citizen, if they do not qualify as law of blood or law of soil