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AMERICANIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP

I. BECOMING AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

A Message to New Americans ¹

1. **Preparing for citizenship.** In this book we shall study the organization of our government, and the work which it performs. We shall see that it is a representative government, that its welfare depends upon the interest which the citizens take in it. Do you not think, then, that every new American should be familiar with the history of our country, which abounds in glorious deeds and great achievements? Should you not also study our country's government and institutions, since you will one day help to carry on that government? Then, too, do you not wish to understand clearly the great ideals for which our Nation stands — the ideals which throw so much light upon our national development?

2. **Self-reliance as a national characteristic.** Foremost among the ideals which have characterized our national life is the spirit of self-reliance. The very first chapter of our national history records the story of a man who arose from among the toilers of his time, and whom eighteen years of disappointed hopes could not dismay — Christopher Columbus. This same spirit of self-reliance animated the little groups of colonists who preferred the unknown hardships of the new world to the certain tyranny of the old; who chose

¹ Adapted from *Preparing for Citizenship*, by W. B. Guitteau. (Houghton Mifflin Company.)