

## Teaching Tip

**TITLE:**           **Citizenship: Songs for Civics Instruction**

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**Citizenship: Engaging Multiple Modalities in the Citizenship Classroom**

In the podcast *Citizenship: Engaging Multiple Modalities*, citizenship teacher and author Lynne Weintraub demonstrates three songs that she uses to support students' development/retention of civics concepts. Here are the words to the three songs.

*NOTE: If you're not sure how to sing the melodies, an internet search using the search term "folk songs" will bring up several Web sites that provide audio files of common melodies like these.*

**Martin Luther King Song** (sung to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Martin Luther King worked for civil rights,

Dr. Martin Luther King worked for civil rights.

**Related citizenship test question:** What did Martin Luther King, Jr., do?

**Answer:** worked for civil rights

**Amendment Song**

(sung to the tune of "My Darling Clementine")

An amendment, an amendment, an amendment is a change,

We can change our constitution, an amendment is a change.

**Related citizenship test question:** What is an amendment?

**Answer:** a change (to the Constitution)

**Two Parts of Congress Song**

(sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

The Senate and the House,

The Senate and the House,

Two parts of Congress are the Senate and the House

**Related citizenship test question:**

What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?

**Answer:** the Senate and the House (of Representatives)

