

VA SOL Practice Test #1

American History to 1865

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Directions: Read each question carefully. From the selections provided, select the correct answer.

1. The Virginia Company of London established Jamestown -

- A. for political reasons.
- B. to escape religious persecution.
- C. as an economic venture.
- D. for social reasons.

2. English settlers were most likely given which of the following by American Indians?

- A. religions
- B. weapons
- C. land
- D. crops

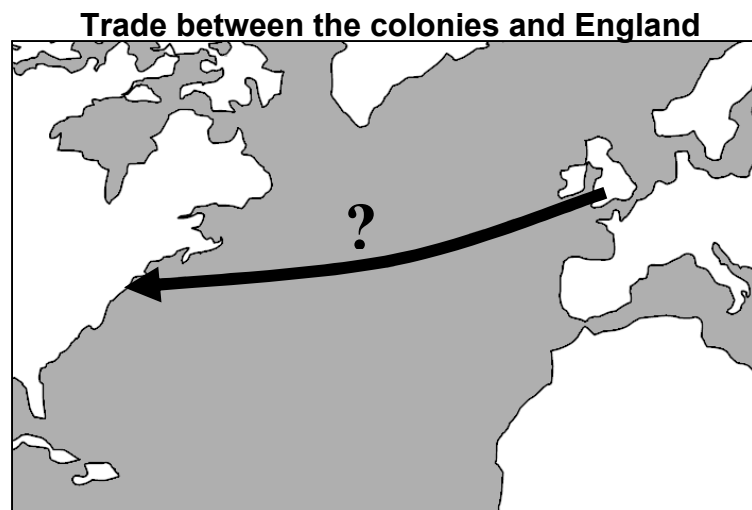
3. According to this image, the Spanish explored North America in order to promote -

- A. music.
- B. religion.
- C. farms.
- D. slavery.



4. Which item below best replaces the question mark on the map?

- A. crops
- B. tea
- C. wood products
- D. tobacco

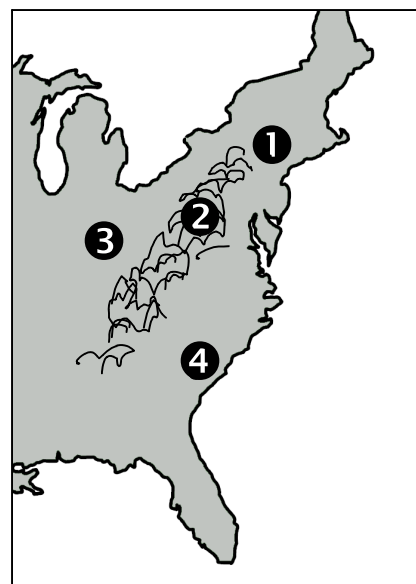


5. Which of the following men explored for Spain?

- A. Samuel De Champlain
- B. Francisco Coronado
- C. Robert La Salle
- D. John Cabot

6. According to the map, plantations were located in which area?

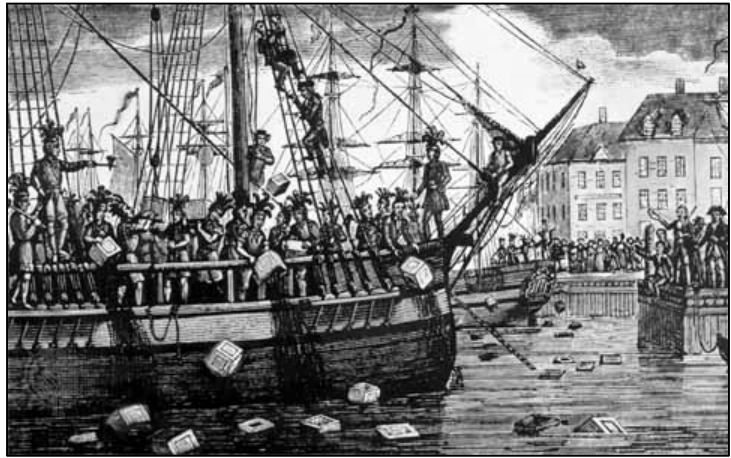
- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4



7. The event in the image happened after which of the following?

- A. Battle of Saratoga
- B. First Continental Congress
- C. Stamp Act
- D. Declaration of Independence

American Colonists; 1773



8. What did the United States gain after the War of 1812?

- A. respect from other countries
- B. land claims from France
- C. full use of the Mississippi River
- D. cash crops from Europe

9. An important result of the 1783 Treaty of Paris was -

- A. America was forced to give Britain land.
- B. France declared war on America.
- C. Spain began trading with America.
- D. Britain accepted American independence.

10. The Monroe Doctrine was created as a warning to -

- A. colonists still loyal to Britain.
- B. plantation owners who traded slaves.
- C. American Indians.
- D. countries in Europe.

11. By the middle 1700s American colonists were unhappy with English rule because -

- A. England refused to protect colonists from the French.
- B. Colonists thought the British King was weak.
- C. England refused to buy colonial-made goods.
- D. Colonists had no representation in Parliament.

12. The Stamp Act was passed by England to -

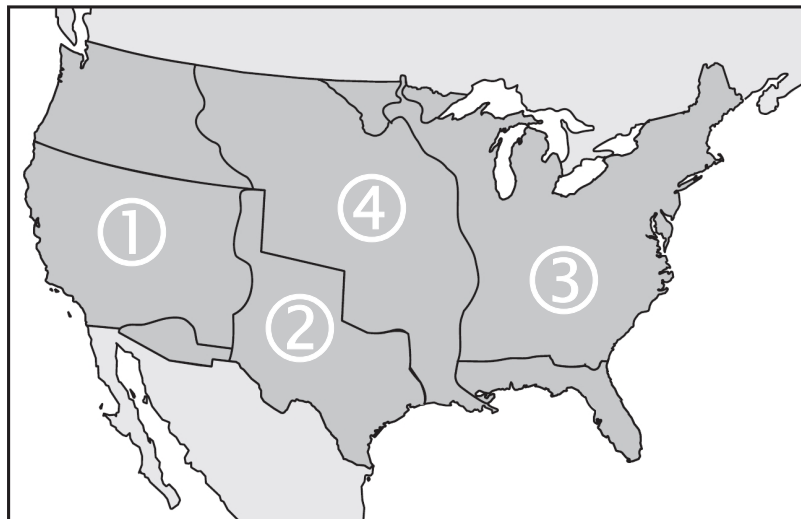
- A. raise money to pay for the French and Indian War.
- B. take complete control of colonial trade.
- C. put governors in total control of the colonies.
- D. give colonists the right to vote for the next King.

13. Why was Phillis Wheatley important during the American Revolution?

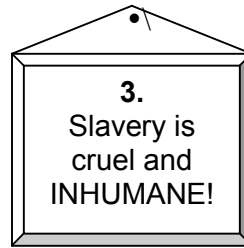
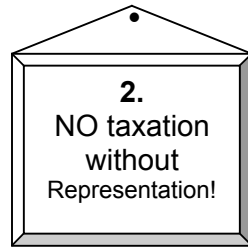
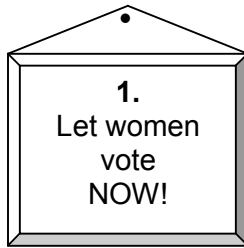
- A. She helped slaves escape to freedom.
- B. She wrote poems supporting independence.
- C. She taught soldiers in the Union Army.
- D. She helped form the American Red Cross.

14. Thomas Jefferson sent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore which territory on the map?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4



15. An abolitionist most likely carried which sign?



- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

16. Bows, canoes, and spears made by American Indians are all examples of -

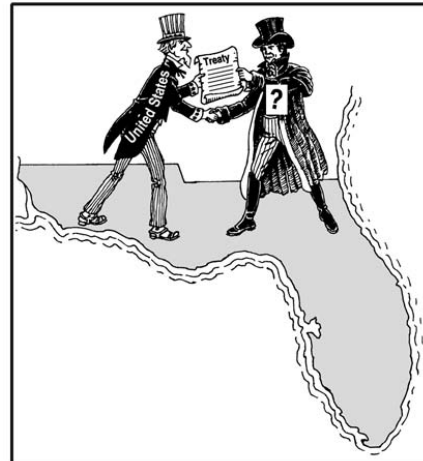
- A. human resources.
- B. capital resources.
- C. constructed resources.
- D. natural resources.

17. Which of the following is **TRUE** of the North and South before the Civil War?

- A. South had larger cities than the North.
- B. The North imported more goods than the South.
- C. Southern industry grew faster than industries in the North.
- D. The North has smaller farms and bigger factories.

18. What country correctly replaces the question mark?

- A. England
- B. France
- C. Spain
- D. Portugal



19. Which of the following events occurred first?

- A. Lincoln was elected President.
- B. Fort Sumter was attacked.
- C. The Emancipation Proclamation was issued.
- D. The Confederacy was formed.

20. The Kansas-Nebraska Act stated that the issue of slavery would be settled by -

- A. a constitutional amendment.
- B. Abraham Lincoln.
- C. the Supreme Court.
- D. popular sovereignty.

21. Isabella Sojourner Truth was active leader in which movement?

- A. Revolutionary
- B. Westward Expansion
- C. Independence
- D. Suffrage

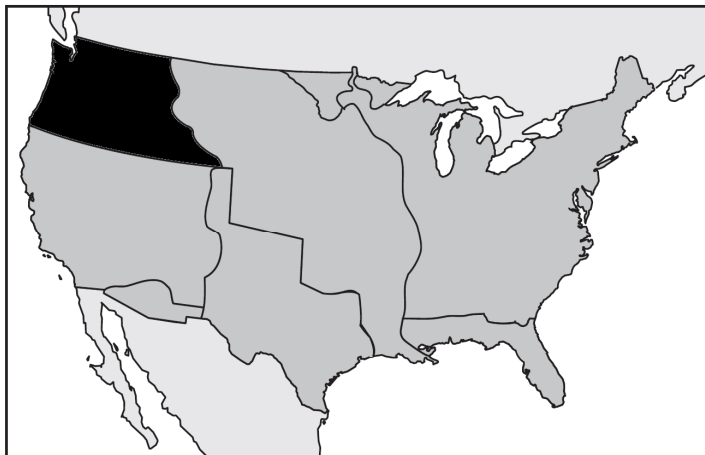
22. Who said this statement on his way to Appomattox Court House?

- A. Frederick Douglass
- B. Robert E. Lee
- C. Jefferson Davis
- D. Abraham Lincoln

"There is nothing left for me to do but to go
and see General Grant, and I would rather
die a thousand deaths."
April 9, 1865

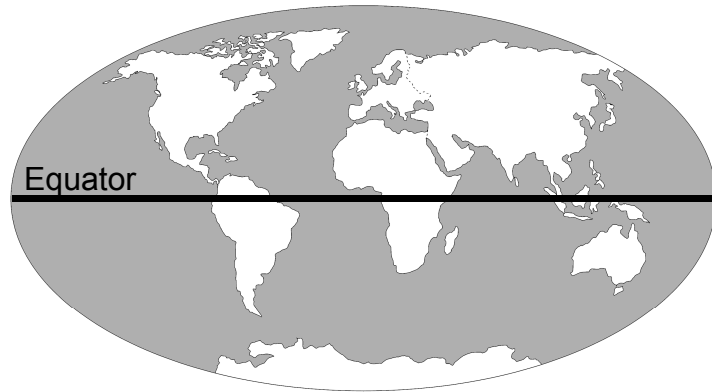
23. What territory represents the shaded area on the map?

- A. Texas
- B. California
- C. Oregon
- D. Louisiana



24. If a ship sailed off the east coast of South America and followed the equator east, it would touch land in –

- A. Asia.
- B. Europe.
- C. Africa.
- D. Australia.

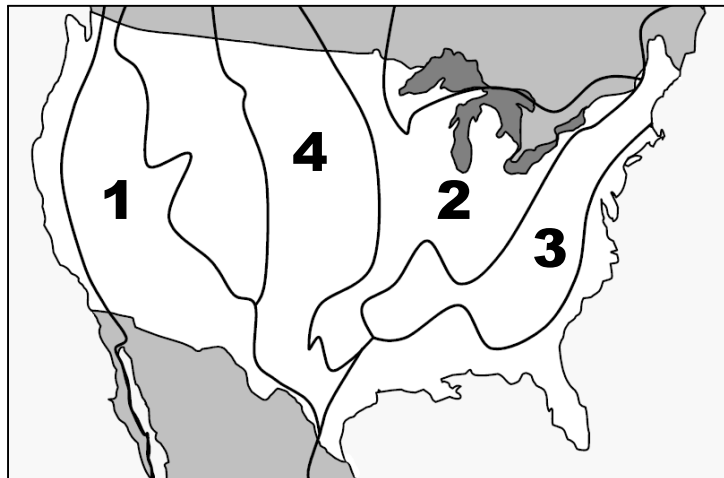


25. Lines measuring an east-to-west distance from the Prime Meridian are called –

- A. meridians.
- B. latitudes.
- C. longitudes.
- D. degrees.

26. What region of the United States has grasslands that increase in elevation westward?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

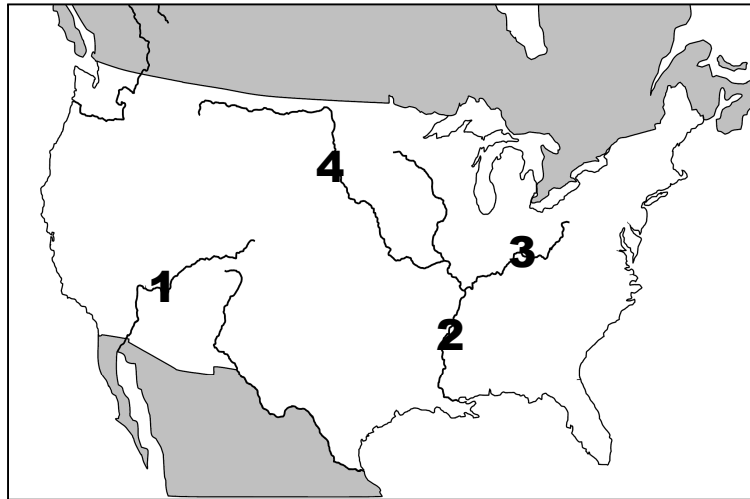


27. How were most American Indians able to meet their basic food needs?

- A. They stole from neighboring Indians.
- B. They bought goods from colonial settlers.
- C. They used resources in the environment.
- D. They found food left behind by other tribes.

28. Which river was known as the gateway to the West in the 1800s?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4



29. The region where Pueblo Indians inhabited contains -

- A. flat grasslands.
- B. dense forests.
- C. hot deserts.
- D. rainy mountains.

30. In the Battle of Vicksburg, the Union and the Confederacy fought for control of the -

- A. Mississippi River.
- B. James River.
- C. Ohio River.
- D. Missouri River.

31. Which state **DID NOT** secede from the Union?

- A. North Carolina
- B. Maryland
- C. Mississippi
- D. Tennessee

32. Which country became an important trading partner with West African empires in the late 1400s?

- A. Portugal
- B. Spain
- C. France
- D. England

33. Who is best known for her role as an advocate for women's suffrage?

- A. Clara Barton
- B. Rosa Parks
- C. Phillis Wheatley
- D. Susan B. Anthony

34. Under the Articles of Confederation, the United States Government had many weaknesses including -

- A. Congress had no power to tax.
- B. states with bigger populations had more votes.
- C. the President was given unlimited power.
- D. all states were forced to use common currency.

35. The Erie Canal was important because it –

- A. gave Americans more drinking water.
- B. quickly took travelers to the Ohio River.
- C. made it easier to cross the Appalachian Highlands.
- D. helped provide faster transportation westward.

36. European philosophers influenced American independence by believing all people should have -

- A. natural rights.
- B. strong leaders.
- C. a powerful army.
- D. citizens who can read.

37. Artifacts from one of the oldest settlements in North American are located in -

- A. Fort Sumter.
- B. Vicksburg.
- C. Cactus Hill.
- D. Saratoga.

38. The *Virginia Declaration of Rights* most influenced the contents of what document?

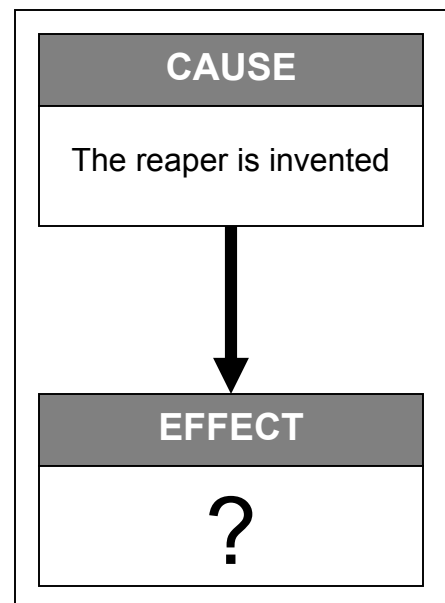
- A. The *Liberator*
- B. Bill of Rights
- C. Monroe Doctrine
- D. Emancipation Proclamation

39. Who developed a mode of transportation connecting different regions of the United States?

- A. Eli Whitney
- B. Jo Anderson
- C. Robert Fulton
- D. Cyrus McCormick

40. Which of the following best replaces the question mark?

- A. Settlers began moving west.
- B. Slave labor increased.
- C. Transportation became faster.
- D. Taxes in America decreased.



End of Test. Be sure to review all of the answer you have selected.