# History Questions

# Grade 1:

1. Who was the first president of the United States?
   1. George Washington
   2. Thomas Jefferson
   3. Benjamin Franklin
2. How many states are there in the United States?
   1. 40
   2. 50
   3. 13
3. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.
   1. 1776
   2. 1492
   3. 1942
4. Which date is “America’s Birthday?”
   1. July 4th
   2. October 11th
   3. December 25th
5. The “Mayflower” was the Pilgrim ship that landed where in 1620?
   1. Cuba
   2. Jamestown, Virginia
   3. Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Massachusetts

# Grade 2:

1. What year was the “Declaration of Independence” signed?
   1. 1865
   2. 1945
   3. 1776
2. What was “Manifest Destiny?”
   1. The belief in freedom of religion
   2. The belief that America should spread from the Atlantic to Pacific coats
   3. A religion
3. The creation of what made it possible for pioneers to no longer have to travel by covered wagons?
   1. Automobile
   2. Transcontinental Railroad
   3. Prairie Schooner
4. What was the first tax imposed on American Colonists by King George.
   1. Stamp Act
   2. Tea Act
   3. King George Act
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ purchased 828,000 square miles of land from the French in 1803. This purchase is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. George Washington; The Louisiana Purchase
   2. Thomas Jefferson; Phelps and Gorham Purchase
   3. Thomas Jefferson; The Louisiana Purchase

# Grade 3:

1. Which statement is NOT true about Christopher Columbus
   1. He was an Italian sailor
   2. The King and Queen of Spain gave him 2 ships to use on his journeys
   3. He believed he could reach the Indies by traveling west.
2. What ancient civilization is known as the birthplace of democracy?
   1. Ancient Greece
   2. Ancient Rome
   3. Ancient Egypt
3. What was the Northwest Passage?
   1. The path of the Hudson River through Canada
   2. A flight path from across North America
   3. A route from Europe to the Indies by traveling northwest through North America
4. Early civilizations were founded around which of the following?
   1. Water
   2. Mountains
   3. Deserts
5. Who was Julius Caesar?
   1. Inventor of the Caesar Salad
   2. A Roman emperor assassinated by a group of senators
   3. The king of Athens who was stabbed by a fellow states-man.

# Grade 4:

1. All of the following were reasons for American colonization except which one?
   1. To escape religious persecution
   2. To expand European culture to the Native Americans
   3. To own land
2. The Boston Tea Party was:
   1. A rebellion in which colonists tossed English imported tea into the Atlantic Ocean
   2. A party to celebrate the settlement of Boston
   3. A political group urging settlers to revolt.
3. Indentured servants differed from slaves in that
   1. they returned home at the end of each work day.
   2. they did not work in the fields.
   3. they worked for pay and their freedom.
4. Taxation without representation meant
   1. The colonists wanted to be taxed without being represented in parliament
   2. The colonists did not want to taxed unless they had representation in parliament
   3. The colonists did not to be taxed or have representation in parliament
5. The Lewis and Clark expedition was the first American expedition to do what?
   1. Reach the Gulf of Mexico by traveling south from St. Louis
   2. Reach the Pacific Coast by traveling west from St. Louis
   3. Reach the Atlantic Coast by traveling east from St. Louis

## Grade 5:

1. What were 3 Native American tribes in the south east region of North America before European Conquest?
2. Crow, Sioux, and Cheyenne
3. Navajo, Pueblo, and Apache
4. Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Creek
5. Which of the following was not one of the original 13 colonies?
   1. New York
   2. Ohio
   3. Georgia
6. Pennsylvania was settled by what religious group?
   1. The Quakers
   2. The Puritans
   3. The Irish-Catholics
7. The Revolutionary War began and ended with which battles?
   1. The Battle of Bunker Hill and the Battle of Yorktown
   2. The Battle of Saratoga and the Battle of Bunker Hill
   3. The Battle of Concord and the Battle of Yorktown
8. Which of the following, written by Francis Scott Key after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry, became the American National Anthem?
   1. The Star Spangled Banner
   2. My Country ‘tis of Thee
   3. God Save the Queen

# Grade 6:

1. Hunter-Gatherer societies were
   1. Nomads – groups of people who moved from place to place
   2. Groups of people who hunted and gathered food.
   3. Both a and b
2. One of the first sets of written laws were made to equalize society, establish justice and fairness, and protect the weak from the strong. This set of laws was called
   1. The United States Constitution
   2. Hammurabi’s Code
   3. Treaty of Paris
3. The first monotheistic religion based on the concept of one God who sets down moral laws for humanity was
   1. Judaism
   2. Islam
   3. Buddhism
4. What was the Silk Road?
   1. A trade route that allowed commerce between Europe and China
   2. A road made of silk across the Bering Strait
   3. A trade route that allowed commerce between North America and South America
5. The Roman Empire fostered economic growth through the use of
   1. Tyranny and a strong military
   2. A central currency and trade routes
   3. Conquest

# Grade 7:

1. One reason for the fall of the Roman Empire was
   1. The assassination of Julius Caesar
   2. The establishment of Constantinople
   3. The undermining of citizenship through the growth of corruption and slavery
2. In the middle ages, Islam was founded on the teachings of the prophet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as an expression of surrender to Allah, and is central to Arabic culture.
   1. Muhammad
   2. Joseph Smith
   3. Jesus Christ
3. Which of the following were not technological developments of the Tang Dynasty?
   1. Tea and gunpowder
   2. Paper currency and the compass
   3. Paved roads and automobiles
4. What route expanded slave trade from Africa into Europe in the middle ages?
   1. The Silk Road
   2. The Trans-Saharan Trade routes
   3. The Oregon Trail
5. The military nobility of medieval and early modern Japan were the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, most commonly known for their swift effectiveness on the battlefield.
   1. Samurai
   2. Ninjas
   3. Knights

# Grade 8:

1. “All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights” is cited from which of the following?
   1. The Magna Carta
   2. The Constitution of the United States
   3. The Mayflower Compact
2. The second congressional congress is responsible for approving which document?
   1. The Declaration of Independence
   2. The Constitution of the United States
   3. The Articles of Confederation
3. The first 2 political parties and in the United States and their founders were
   1. The Federalists, founded by Thomas Jefferson and the Whigs, founded by Alexander Hamilton
   2. The Democrats, founded by Andrew Jackson and the Republicans, founded by Abraham Lincoln
   3. The Federalists, founded by George Washington, and the Whigs, founded by Henry Clay
4. The Industrial Revolution refers to the expansion of
   1. Slavery
   2. Factories
   3. Democracy
5. Andrew Jackson was all of the following except?
   1. A US President
   2. A lawyer
   3. An abolitionist

# Grade 9:

1. The War of 1812 was fought between
   1. The French and the British
   2. The Americans and the British
   3. The Americans and the Indians
2. The Underground Railroad was
   1. A network of abolitionists who helped escaped slaves find freedom in the north
   2. A subway escaped slaves used to travel north
   3. A black market for slave trade
3. Susan B. Anthony and Margaret Fuller were famous women involved in what?
   1. The Women’s Suffrage Movement
   2. The Civil Rights Movement
   3. The Hippie Movement
4. Transcendentalism refers to what?
   1. Purification through institutions and organized religion
   2. The belief that individualism corrupted civilization
   3. The idea that people are at their best when independent and self-reliant
5. The Battle of the Alamo was part of which war?
   1. The Civil War
   2. The Mexican-American War
   3. The Texas War for Independence

# Grade 10:

1. Western political ideas can be traced back to all but which of the following?
   1. Aristotle’s “Politics”
   2. The Bible
   3. Plato’s Republic
2. Politically, Napoleon Bonaparte was a
   1. Democrat
   2. Republican
   3. Enlightened Despot
3. Eli Whitney’s invention of this led to the expansion of slavery west of the Mississippi.
   1. The plow
   2. The cotton gin
   3. The tractor
4. What pivotal incident instigated World War I?
   1. The assassination of the Prince of Austria.
   2. A tickle fight between the Prince of Austria and the Czar of Russia.
   3. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.
5. Which of the following was a result of World War I?
   1. Revolutions in many of the countries involved
   2. The ousting of Adolf Hitler
   3. The unification of Berlin

# Grade 11:

1. Enlightenment refers to which of the following?
   1. Thomas Edison’s invention of the light bulb.
   2. A cultural movement emphasizing reasoning over tradition.
   3. The belief in superstition.
2. The emergence of the United States as a world power can greatly be attributed to
   1. The development of its navy
   2. Democracy
   3. Agriculture
3. United States cities developed in the early 20th century were divided by race, ethnicity, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Religion
   2. Occupation
   3. Class
4. The “Great Awakening” refers to
   1. Periods of religious revival in America
   2. The time most Americans had to wake up to go to work
   3. The age of enlightenment
5. The Spanish-American War resulted in all but which of the following?
   1. The Philippine-American War
   2. The Mexican-American War
   3. Cuba’s Independence

# Grade 12:

1. What is the Bill of Rights?
   1. The first 10 amendments of the US constitution
   2. A part of the Magna Carta
   3. The first 10 amendments of the Articles of Confederation
2. All of the following are protected by the first amendment except which?
   1. Freedom of speech
   2. The right to bare arms
   3. The right to peaceably assemble
3. Article I of the US constitution relates to which branch of government?
   1. Judicial
   2. Executive
   3. Legislative
4. The US constitution established a supreme court with how many justices?
   1. 4
   2. 9
   3. 12
5. European political “thinkers” that influenced the development of American government included Charles-Louis Montesquieu, William Blackstone, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. John Locke
   2. Winston Churchill
   3. Aristotle