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# **UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1865**

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**SAMPLE**

**In the mid-1800s, a gold rush led many people to move to —**

- ☐ **A** Texas
- ☐ **B** Kansas
- ☐ **C** California
- ☐ **D** Louisiana

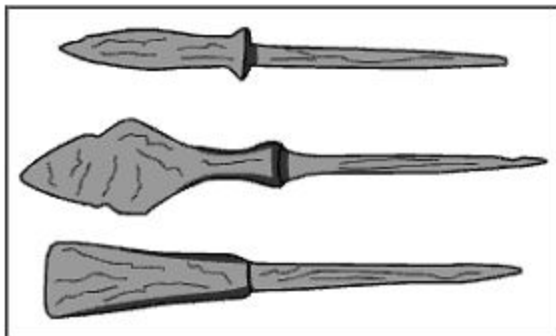
### Cactus Hill



**This map shows the location of an important discovery about the —**

- ☐ **A** site of the Kwakiutl homeland
- ☐ **B** early humans in North America
- ☐ **C** first settlement in Jamestown
- ☐ **D** early trading markets with Europe

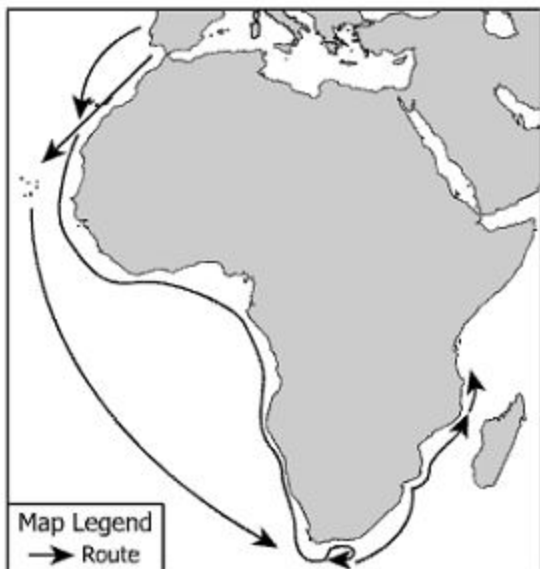
### Ancient Artifacts



**Which person would most likely study these artifacts?**

- ☐ **A** Biologist
- ☐ **B** Archaeologist
- ☐ **C** Geologist
- ☐ **D** Chemist

# Africa



Which country sent explorers along the routes on this map?

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

**French explorers cooperated with American Indians by —**

- ☐ **A** becoming large landowners
- ☐ **B** adopting foreign religions
- ☐ **C** sharing farming techniques
- ☐ **D** establishing trading posts

**The primary reason the Quakers settled in Pennsylvania was to —**

- ☐ **A** find gold deposits
- ☐ **B** escape debtor's prison
- ☐ **C** practice religion freely
- ☐ **D** avoid paying taxes

### Barrel Maker



**This picture shows a job most likely being done by a —**

- ☐ **A** colonial artisan
- ☐ **B** local legislator
- ☐ **C** colonial governor
- ☐ **D** large landowner





Which number best represents the Battle of Yorktown?

- ☐ A 1
- ☐ B 2
- ☐ C 3
- ☐ D 4

**Which attitude helped the colonists win the American Revolution?**

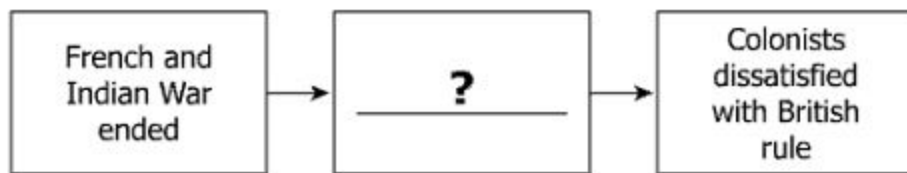
- ☐ **A** I care most about having peace.
- ☐ **B** I am always loyal to the king.
- ☐ **C** I need to protect my own land.
- ☐ **D** I am hoping to move to the city.

**The speech which included the statement "Give me liberty or give me death" was made to —**

- ☐ **A** warn the British government
- ☐ **B** oppose the slave trade
- ☐ **C** inspire colonial patriotism
- ☐ **D** encourage French support

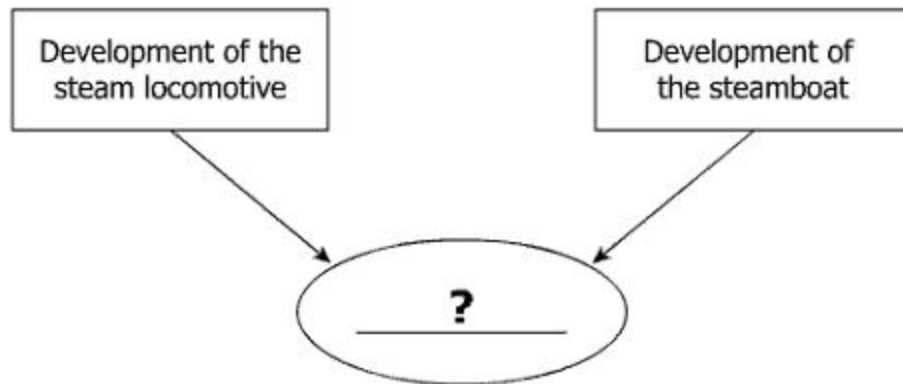
**Lewis and Clark's expedition was the result of actions taken by —**

- ☐ **A** George Washington
- ☐ **B** John Adams
- ☐ **C** Thomas Jefferson
- ☐ **D** James Madison



**Which event best completes this diagram?**

- ☐ **A** Taxes imposed on the colonists
- ☐ **B** Taxes placed on British soldiers
- ☐ **C** Taxation opposed by British merchants
- ☐ **D** Taxation controlled by the colonists

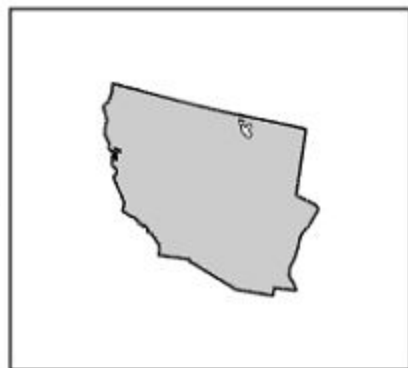


**Which effect completes this diagram?**

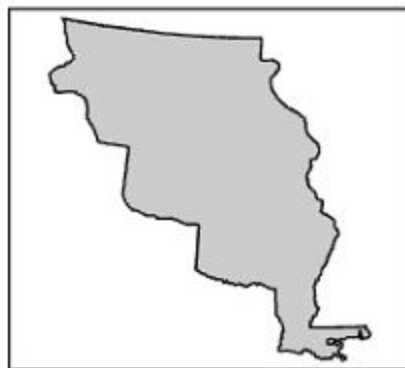
- ☐ **A** Delivered raw materials to factories
- ☐ **B** Increased need for slave labor
- ☐ **C** Assisted in reform of labor laws
- ☐ **D** Increased production of cotton

Which territory existed as an independent republic before becoming a state?

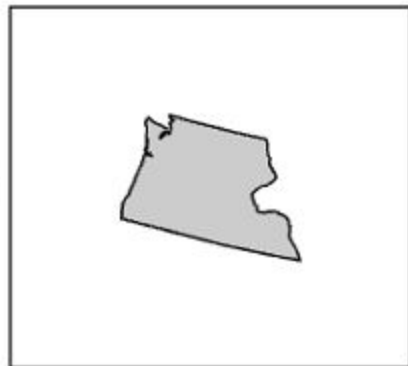
☐ A



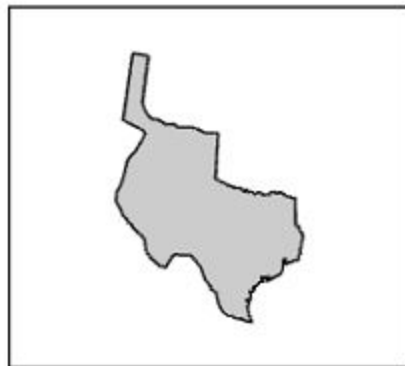
☐ C



☐ B



☐ D



- Missouri Compromise
- ?
- Kansas-Nebraska Act

**Which action best completes this list?**

- ☐ **A** Compromise of 1850
- ☐ **B** Monroe Doctrine
- ☐ **C** Tariff of 1832
- ☐ **D** Great Compromise



**Robert E. Lee refused to take command of the Union forces during the Civil War because he —**

- ☐ **A** believed the South would form a new country
- ☐ **B** thought Ulysses S. Grant would make a better general
- ☐ **C** would not fight against his home state
- ☐ **D** did not think it would pay him enough

**Before the Civil War, the North supported tariffs in order to —**

- ☐ **A** pay the cost of transporting runaway slaves
- ☐ **B** pressure Britain into buying American cotton crops
- ☐ **C** protect factory owners from foreign competitors
- ☐ **D** prevent families in the South from receiving goods

**After the Civil War, Confederate currency was —**

- ☐ **A** safe in Southern banks
- ☐ **B** used until it wore out
- ☐ **C** traded for United States dollars
- ☐ **D** worthless in economic value

- Served as Union Naval Captain
- Decorated for heroism
- Served as Congressman following the Civil War

**Which person is described by this list?**

- ☐ **A** John Brown
- ☐ **B** Frederick Douglass
- ☐ **C** John Paul Jones
- ☐ **D** Robert Smalls

**Statue of  
Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson**



**This statue was built to honor Jackson because he was —**

- ☐ **A** the leader of the Army of Northern Virginia
- ☐ **B** a skilled Confederate general
- ☐ **C** the commander at the Battle of Vicksburg
- ☐ **D** a famous Union soldier

### Passage Around Cape Horn



**Which ocean did ships enter after rounding Cape Horn when sailing from New York to San Francisco?**

- ☐ **A** Arctic
- ☐ **B** Pacific
- ☐ **C** Indian
- ☐ **D** Atlantic

**The Continental Divide is a part of the —**

- ☐ **A** Sierra Nevada
- ☐ **B** Coastal Range
- ☐ **C** Rocky Mountains
- ☐ **D** Appalachian Highlands

### Eastern United States



Which river was used to transport goods and settlers into the darker-shaded state on this map?

- ☐ A Missouri
- ☐ B James
- ☐ C Arkansas
- ☐ D Ohio





**This geographic feature is a —**

- ☐ **A** plateau
- ☐ **B** mountain
- ☐ **C** glacier
- ☐ **D** plain

**Which American Indians lived in eastern North America?**

- ☐ **A** Iroquois
- ☐ **B** Kwakiutl
- ☐ **C** Inuit
- ☐ **D** Lakota

Which map correctly shows the Basin and Range region?

☐ A



☐ C



☐ B



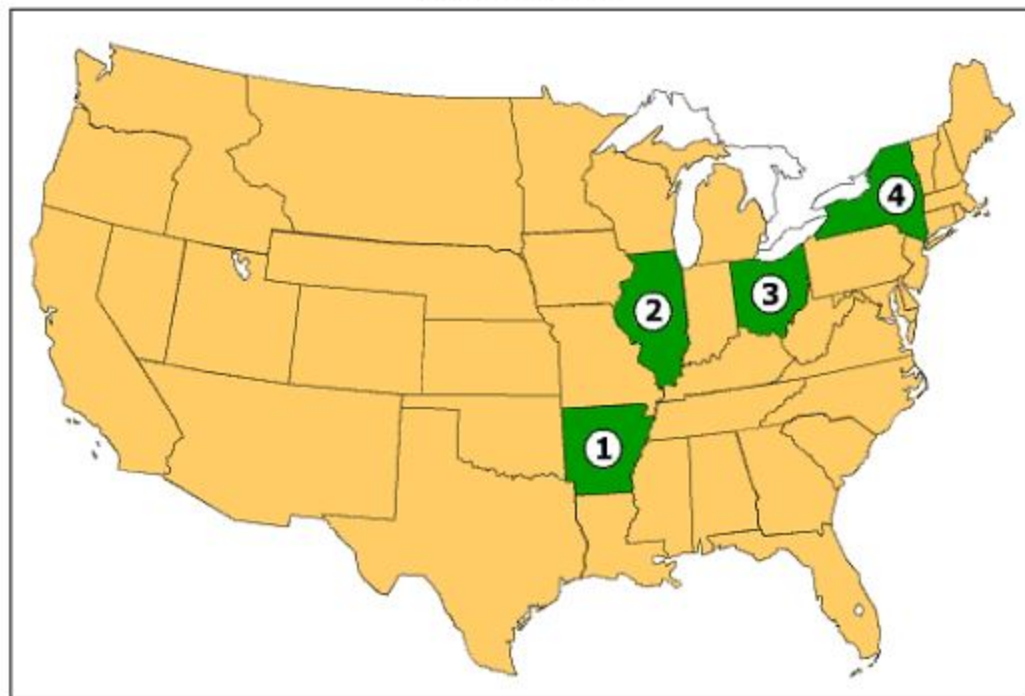
☐ D



**Which two continents are described as parts of a single landmass?**

- ☐ **A** Europe and Africa
- ☐ **B** Asia and Africa
- ☐ **C** Europe and Asia
- ☐ **D** Australia and Antarctica

## The Civil War



Which state seceded from the Union?

☐ A 1

☐ B 2

☐ C 3

☐ D 4

**Which product was most associated with the Southern colonies?**

- ☐ **A** Livestock
- ☐ **B** Fish
- ☐ **C** Grain
- ☐ **D** Tobacco

- People have natural rights
- Governments were formed to protect those rights
- People have a duty to change governments that violate these rights

**Which document contains these philosophies?**

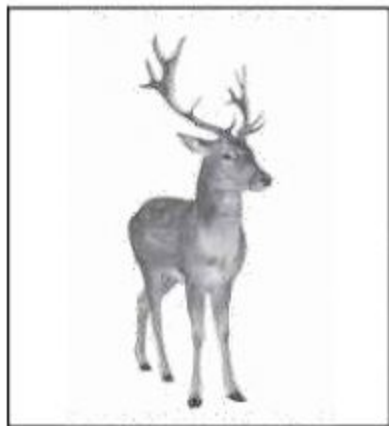
- ☐ **A** Intolerable Acts
- ☐ **B** Mayflower Compact
- ☐ **C** Proclamation of 1763
- ☐ **D** Declaration of Independence

Which picture shows a capital resource used by American Indians?

☐ A



☐ C



☐ B



☐ D





**Citizen 1:** In Virginia, for our large number of people, we have only one vote in the legislature.

**Citizen 2:** That is the fairest form of a Congress, or the small states would be outvoted on every issue.

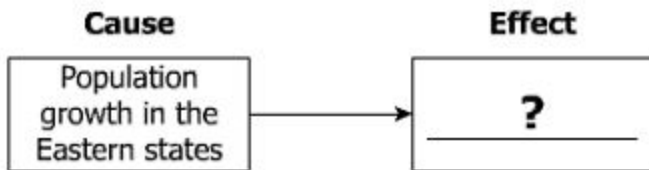
**Which weakness of the Articles of Confederation does this conversation best represent?**

- ☐ **A** Lack of a common currency
- ☐ **B** Lack of a central executive power
- ☐ **C** No representation based on population
- ☐ **D** No central control over national commerce



**This exchange of goods between the Pennsylvania and Georgia colonies is an example of —**

- ☐ **A** competition
- ☐ **B** interdependence
- ☐ **C** economic freedom
- ☐ **D** indentured servitude



**Which action best completes this diagram?**

- ☐ **A** Increased trade with Canada
- ☐ **B** Start of a war with Mexico
- ☐ **C** Immigration from the European continent
- ☐ **D** Expansion toward the Pacific Ocean