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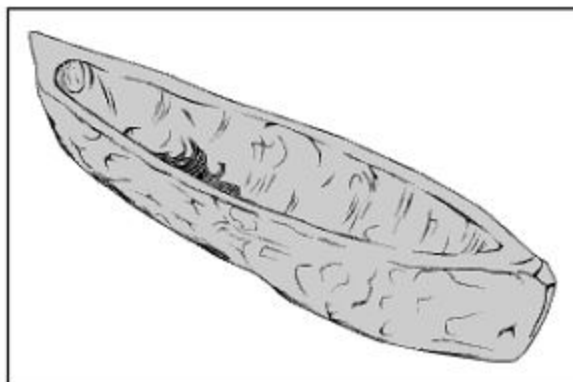
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The word ancient means something that —

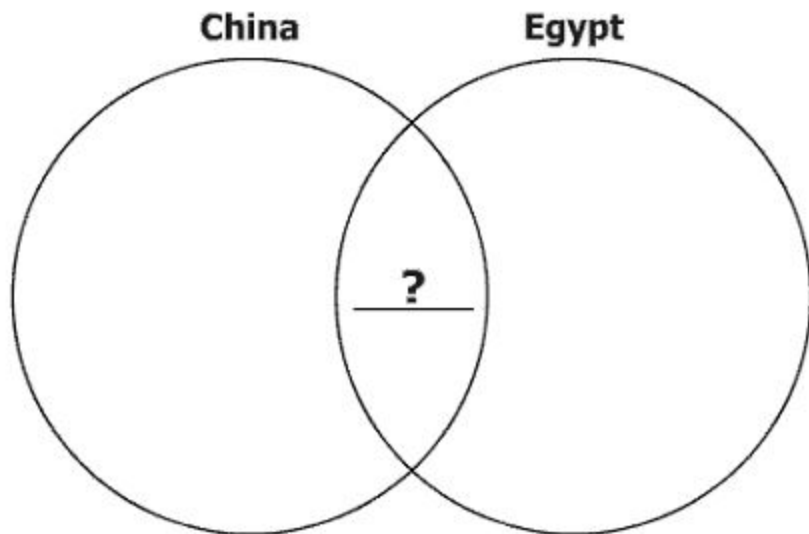
- ☐ **A** will happen in the future
- ☐ **B** happened long, long ago
- ☐ **C** is happening now
- ☐ **D** happened last week

Canoe



Which group of American Indians most often used this object for travel?

- ☐ **A** Pueblo
- ☐ **B** Lakota
- ☐ **C** Navajo
- ☐ **D** Powhatan



Which words complete this diagram?

- ☐ **A** Invented fireworks
- ☐ **B** Built pyramids
- ☐ **C** Made silk cloth
- ☐ **D** Used written language

Which river did Christopher Newport explore?

- ☐ **A** James River
- ☐ **B** Mississippi River
- ☐ **C** Potomac River
- ☐ **D** St. Lawrence River

Which idea used in the United States government came from ancient Rome?

- ☐ **A** People elect a small group to make the laws.
- ☐ **B** The leader of a country is called the President.
- ☐ **C** People are treated with equality under the laws.
- ☐ **D** The Pledge of Allegiance shows respect for the flag.

Which calendar shows a time to remember the harvest shared between the colonists and the American Indians?

January

☐ A

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July

☐ C

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February

☐ B

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November

☐ D

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First Flag of the United States



Who is believed to have sewn this flag?

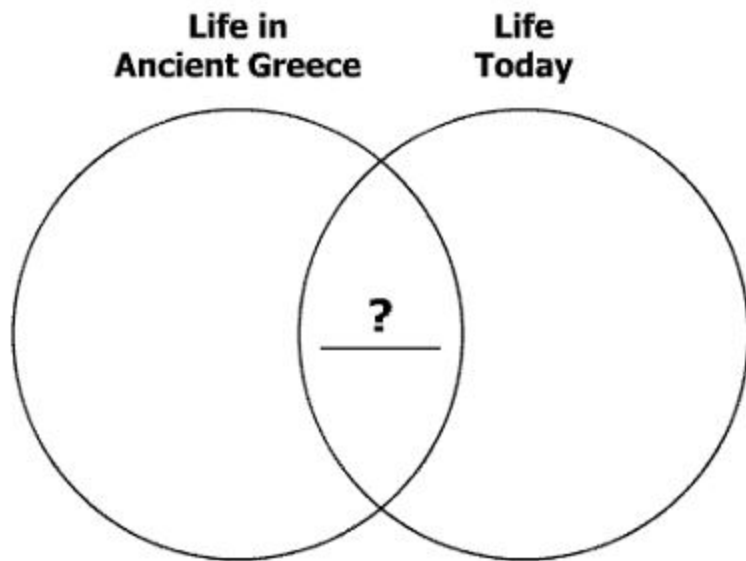
- ☐ **A** Betsy Ross
- ☐ **B** Susan B. Anthony
- ☐ **C** Benjamin Franklin
- ☐ **D** George Washington

George Washington Carver invented new ways to use —

- ☐ **A** paper
- ☐ **B** electricity
- ☐ **C** peanuts
- ☐ **D** bananas

The explorer Jacques Cartier claimed land in the New World for —

- ☐ **A** England
- ☐ **B** France
- ☐ **C** Italy
- ☐ **D** Spain

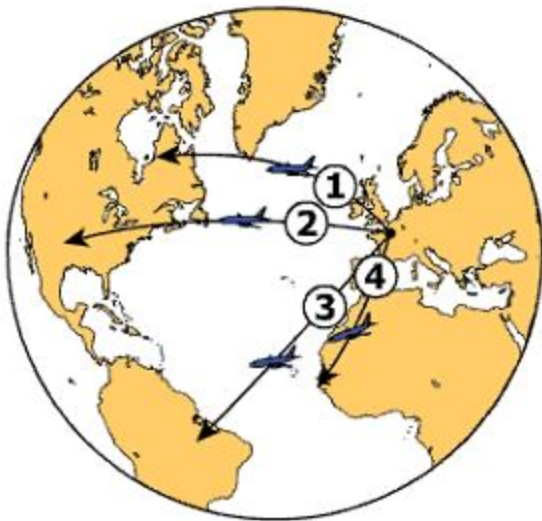


Which words best complete this diagram?

- ☐ **A** Great Wall
- ☐ **B** Olympic games
- ☐ **C** Hieroglyphic language
- ☐ **D** Representative democracy

Where was Timbuktu located?

- ☐ **A** Rome
- ☐ **B** Greece
- ☐ **C** Mali
- ☐ **D** Egypt



Krista wants to fly directly to the United States. Which airplane should she take?

- ☐ **A 1**
- ☐ **B 2**
- ☐ **C 3**
- ☐ **D 4**

Because they lived on peninsulas and islands, many ancient Greeks became —

- ☐ **A** fishermen
- ☐ **B** kite makers
- ☐ **C** storytellers
- ☐ **D** road builders

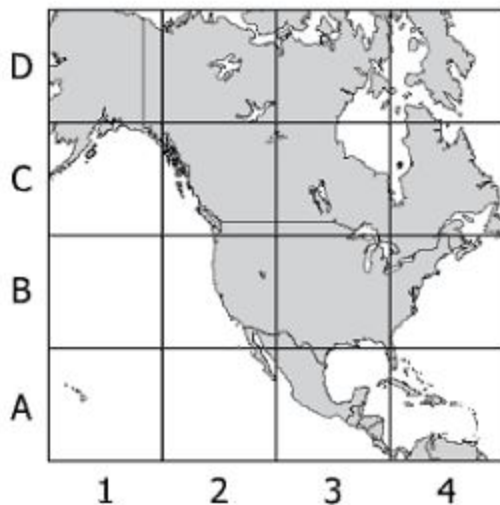
Which two areas were located along the Mediterranean Sea?

- ☐ **A** China and Spain
- ☐ **B** Mali and Egypt
- ☐ **C** Rome and Greece
- ☐ **D** England and France

During colonial times, the Powhatan lived mostly in what is now —

- ☐ **A** Florida
- ☐ **B** Tennessee
- ☐ **C** Georgia
- ☐ **D** Virginia

North America



San Salvador, which was explored by Christopher Columbus, is in square —

- ☐ **A** A4
- ☐ **B** B2
- ☐ **C** C3
- ☐ **D** D1

Paradise Island



News



People on our island pick fruit from trees whenever they are hungry. They wear shorts all year. They go swimming almost every day.

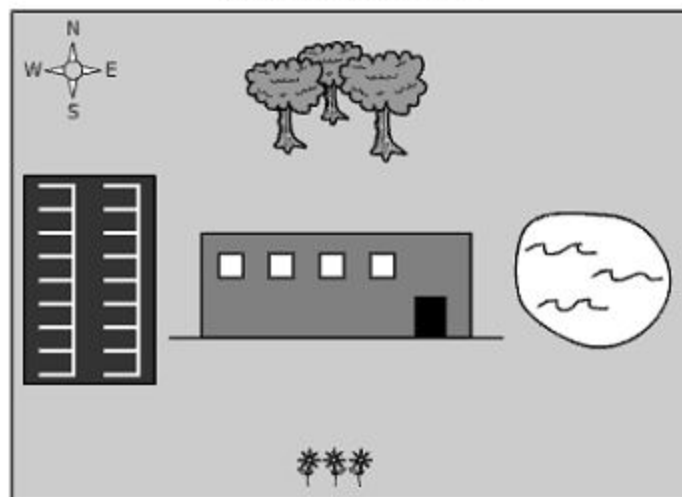
The climate of this island is probably —

- ☐ **A** cool and rainy in spring and fall
- ☐ **B** windy with a lot of snow and ice
- ☐ **C** hot in summer and cold in winter
- ☐ **D** sunny and warm in each season

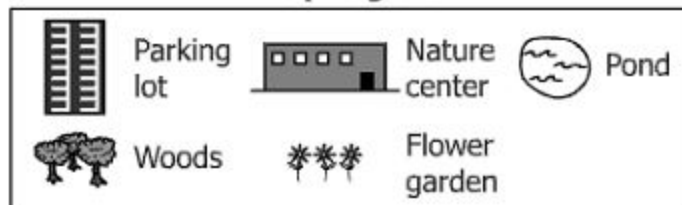
The people of China irrigated their fields using the Huang He in order to —

- ☐ **A** raise more animals
- ☐ **B** catch fish for food
- ☐ **C** raise more crops
- ☐ **D** take goods to market

Cherokee Park



Map Legend



In which direction should a visitor walk to go from the flower garden to the woods in Cherokee Park?

☐ **A** North

☐ **C** East

☐ **B** South

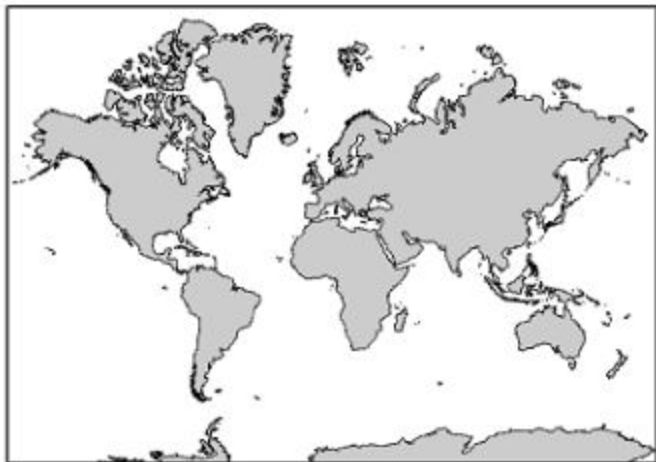
☐ **D** West

- Lived in the Southwest
- Built adobe houses
- Worked as farmers

Which American Indians are described by this list?

- ☐ **A** Pueblo
- ☐ **B** Lakota
- ☐ **C** Powhatan
- ☐ **D** Monacan

The World



Which continent is next to the Indian Ocean?

- ☐ **A** Europe
- ☐ **B** South America
- ☐ **C** Africa
- ☐ **D** North America

Bread Bakery



What is produced at this location?

- ☐ **A** A basic need
- ☐ **B** A capital resource
- ☐ **C** A human resource
- ☐ **D** A necessary service



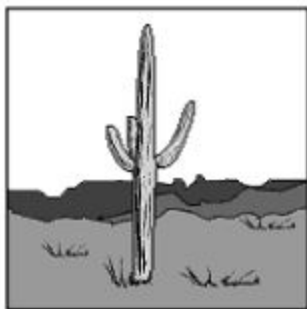
1. Builder
2. Doctor
3. Teacher
4. Nurse

Community Hospital most likely has jobs for which people?

- ☐ **A** 1 and 2
- ☐ **B** 3 and 4
- ☐ **C** 1 and 3
- ☐ **D** 2 and 4

Which object is a good created by people?

☐ A



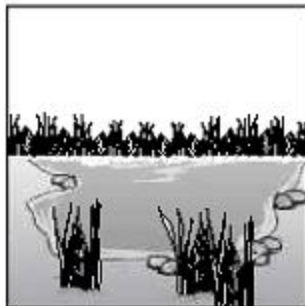
☐ C



☐ B



☐ D





Which person is acting as a consumer?

- ☐ A 1
- ☐ B 2
- ☐ C 3
- ☐ D 4

Sandy's parents want to buy a better car next year. They put away some money from their jobs each month so they will have enough to get the better car.

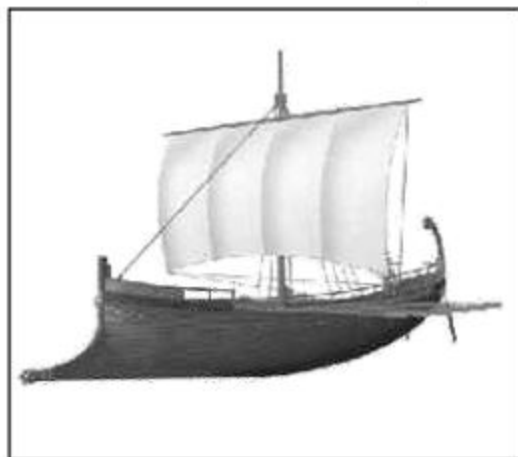
What are Sandy's parents doing with their money?

- ☐ **A** Trading
- ☐ **B** Spending
- ☐ **C** Paying
- ☐ **D** Saving

Which person is acting as a producer?

- ☐ **A** Mr. Carson who is working as a farmer.
- ☐ **B** Mrs. Hong who is buying a book.
- ☐ **C** Mr. Abram who is watching television.
- ☐ **D** Ms. Mercado who is walking to the store.

Ancient Greek Ship



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When this ship was used for carrying trade goods, it was an example of —

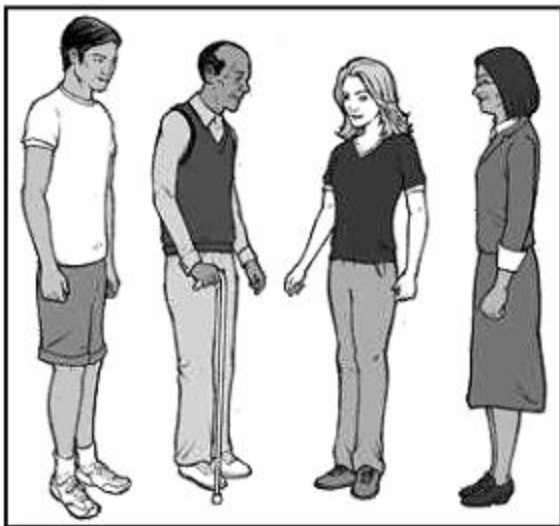
- ☐ **A** economic scarcity
- ☐ **B** a capital resource
- ☐ **C** economic choice
- ☐ **D** a natural resource

Americans who died in wars while serving their country are honored on —

- ☐ **A** Veterans Day
- ☐ **B** Presidents' Day
- ☐ **C** Memorial Day
- ☐ **D** Thanksgiving Day

Which example shows the government protecting citizens' property?

- ☐ **A** A doctor caring for a sick child
- ☐ **B** A teacher helping a student read a book
- ☐ **C** A firefighter putting out a house fire
- ☐ **D** A principal arriving to work on time



What unites these people as Virginia citizens?

- ☐ **A** Wearing the same clothes
- ☐ **B** Voting in elections
- ☐ **C** Driving the same cars
- ☐ **D** Playing team sports

Thurgood Marshall helped people through his work as a —

- ☐ **A** minister
- ☐ **B** doctor
- ☐ **C** lawyer
- ☐ **D** teacher

Helen Keller is best known for helping people who —

- ☐ **A** were soldiers
- ☐ **B** had disabilities
- ☐ **C** served in government
- ☐ **D** wanted to vote

Virginians vote in state elections in order to —

- ☐ **A** find better jobs
- ☐ **B** choose state leaders
- ☐ **C** find better homes
- ☐ **D** become state citizens

Cesar Chavez



This man is best known for —

- ☐ **A** serving on the United States Supreme Court
- ☐ **B** helping slaves escape during the Civil War
- ☐ **C** working for voting rights for African Americans
- ☐ **D** improving the lives of American farm workers