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Directions

Read each question and choose the best answer. Then fill in the circle on your answer document for the answer you have chosen.

Sample

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

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

1 One subject of conflict between settlers and American Indians was the —

- A** exchange of food
- B** ownership of land
- C** style of farming techniques
- D** number of trading posts

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We . . . the Loyal Subjects of . . .
King James, by the Grace of God . . . Having undertaken for the
Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, a Voyage . . .

— Mayflower Compact

This document was most likely written by the colonists of —

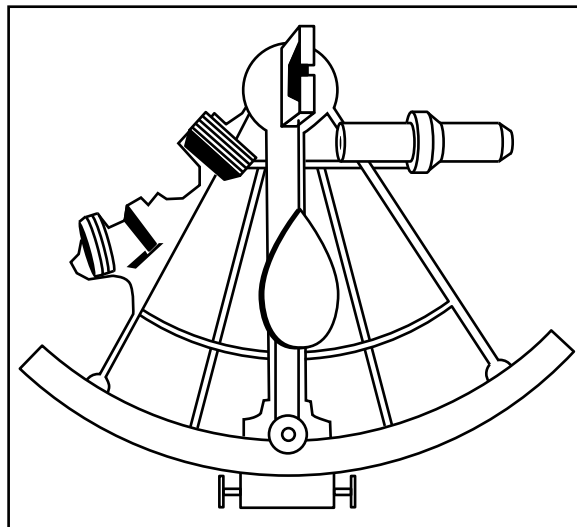
- F** Georgia
- G** Roanoke Island
- H** North Carolina
- J** Plymouth

3 The recovery and analysis of evidence from the past are most important in the study of —

- A** psychology
- B** sociology
- C** archaeology
- D** biology

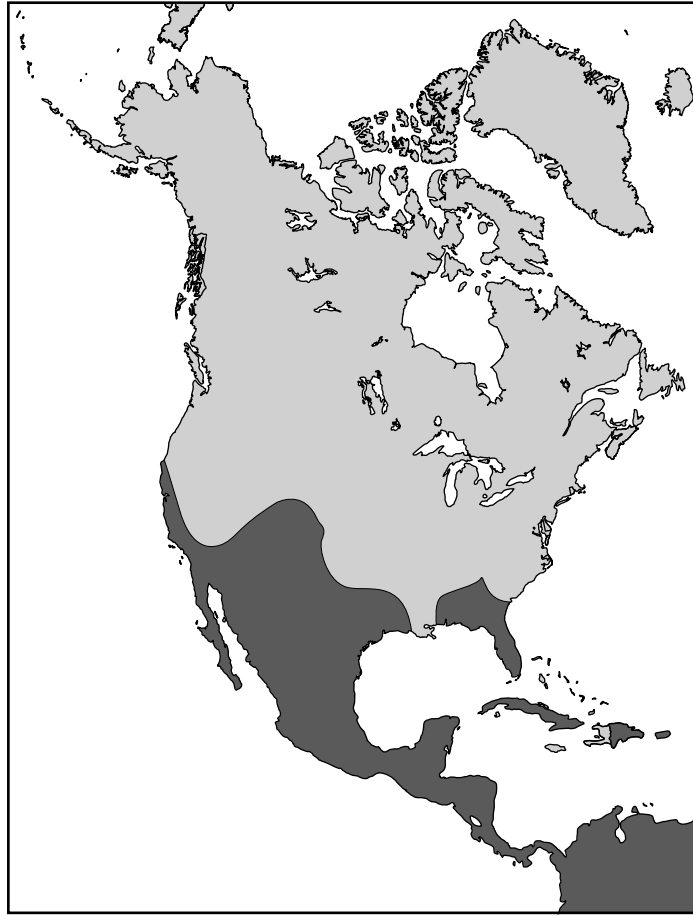
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Navigational Tool



Tools such as this one were used to —

- F** improve military weapons
- G** aid African agriculture
- H** find natural resources
- J** aid European exploration

North America

What was one reason that Europeans explored the darker-shaded area?

- A** To learn new languages
- B** To avoid political persecution
- C** To spread religion
- D** To cure diseases

6 Which kind of work did most women do in colonial America?

- F** Sold furniture and clothes
- G** Cared for people and houses
- H** Taught in schools and colleges
- J** Served in hospitals and nurseries

7 Which colonial goods were usually exchanged for manufactured goods from England?

- A** Gold
- B** Slave labor
- C** Crafts
- D** Raw materials

8 How did the Proclamation of 1763 affect the British colonists?

- F** It limited the western movement of settlers.
- G** It led to an increase in fur trading.
- H** It prevented trade with American Indians.
- J** It led to the French and Indian War.

| Individual | Role During the American Revolution |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____? | Commander of the Continental Army |

Which name replaces the question mark?

- A** Patrick Henry
- B** George Washington
- C** Lord Cornwallis
- D** Benjamin Franklin

10 Which individual helped gain French support for American independence?

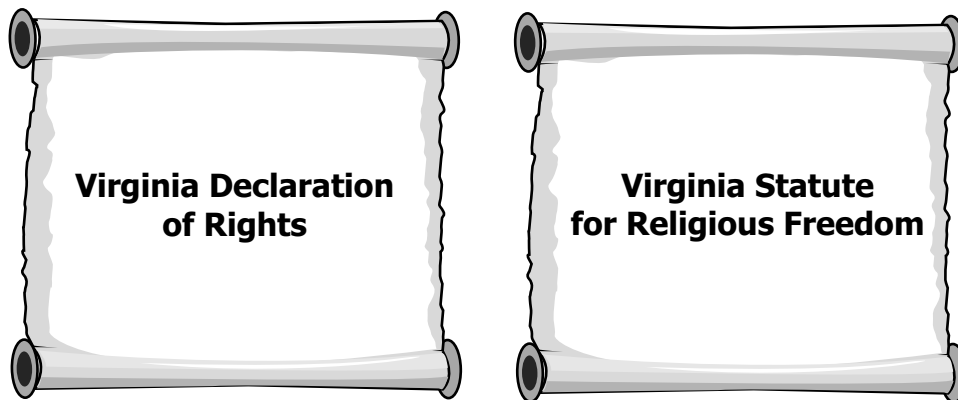
- F** Benjamin Franklin
- G** Thomas Jefferson
- H** Patrick Henry
- J** Paul Revere

11 The colonists won the Revolutionary War because they —

- A** had a more powerful navy
- B** fought on their own territory
- C** had better weapons
- D** had more supplies

12 At the Constitutional Convention, the Great Compromise settled a debate about —

- F** judicial powers
- G** the presidential elections
- H** state representation
- J** the amendment process

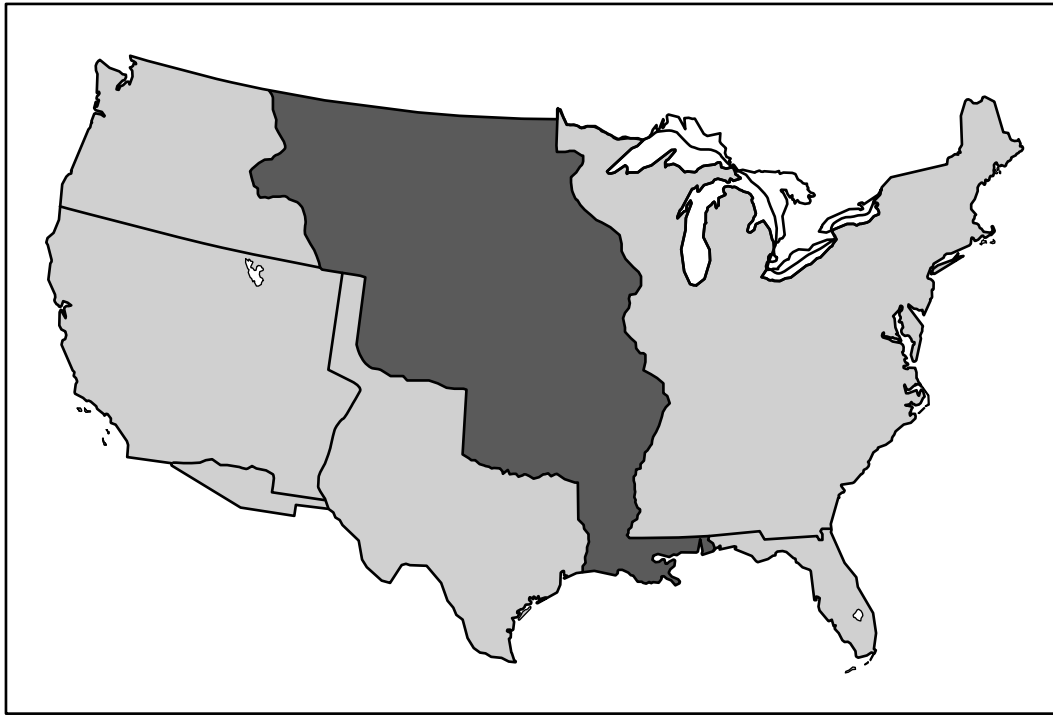


These documents were the basis for the —

- A** Declaration of Independence
- B** Mayflower Compact
- C** Articles of Confederation
- D** Bill of Rights

14 The War of 1812 helped the United States gain the respect of —

- F** European countries
- G** Mexico
- H** African nations
- J** Canada

Territorial Expansion, 1801–1861

The darker-shaded area on this map was sold to the United States by —

- A** Mexico
- B** Spain
- C** France
- D** Canada

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal . . .

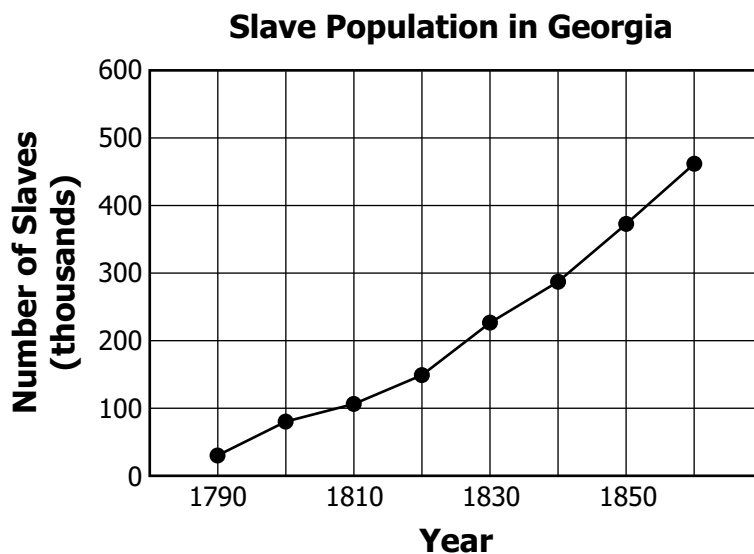
— Declaration of Independence, 1776

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men and women are created equal . . .

— Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions, 1848

This quote from 1848 uses language from the Declaration of Independence to —

- F** protest against changing the Constitution of the United States
- G** show that American philosophies continue to support equal rights
- H** protest the reasons given for Revolutionary War actions
- J** show that European nations want to increase equal rights



Which invention contributed most to the change shown in this graph?

- A** Steamboat
- B** Reaper
- C** Cotton gin
- D** Steel plow

18 One major difference between the North and the South that helped lead to the Civil War was —

- F** disagreements over tariffs
- G** conflict over treaties
- H** disagreements about resources
- J** competition for factories

19 The Missouri Compromise tried to satisfy people with different beliefs about slavery by —

- A** admitting one free state and one slave state to the Union
- B** prohibiting slavery in the Kansas Territory
- C** ending the slave trade throughout the country
- D** spreading slavery to plantations growing cotton and tobacco

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. . . that government of the people, by the people,
for the people shall not perish from the Earth.

— Abraham Lincoln

President Lincoln is explaining that the main purpose of the Civil War was to —

- F** punish Southern states
- G** save the Union
- H** grant women's suffrage
- J** settle western territories

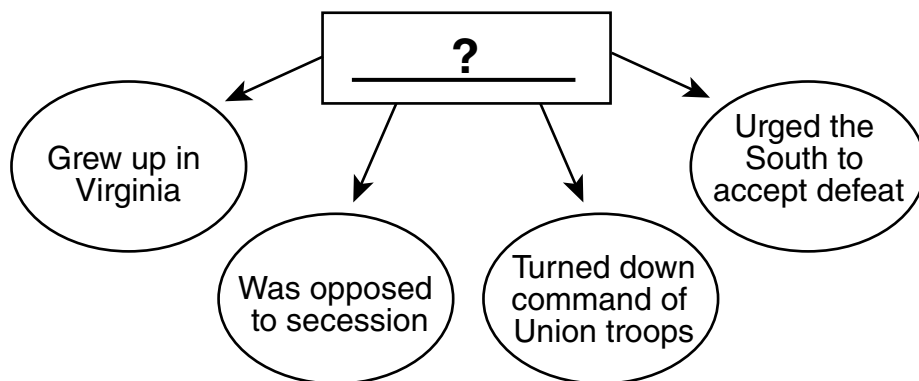
FREEDOM,

Protection, Pay, and a Call to Military Duty!

On the 1st day of January, 1863, the President of the United States proclaimed FREEDOM to over THREE MILLIONS OF SLAVES. This decree [order] is to be enforced by all the power of the Nation.

The purpose of this poster was to recruit men for the —

- A** Union Army
- B** Confederate Navy
- C** Reconstruction Congress
- D** Red Cross



What Civil War figure is described in the diagram?

- F** Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson
- G** Jefferson Davis
- H** Robert E. Lee
- J** Frederick Douglass

23 The leading cause of death during the Civil War resulted from —

- A** battle wounds
- B** cannon shells
- C** starvation
- D** disease

24 Which statement is true of women during the 1850s?

- F** Most women had college educations.
- G** Women were given voting rights.
- H** Most women held limited property rights.
- J** Women were given equal business opportunities.

25 Which ocean is located directly north of Europe?

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

26 Which continent is part of a larger landmass?

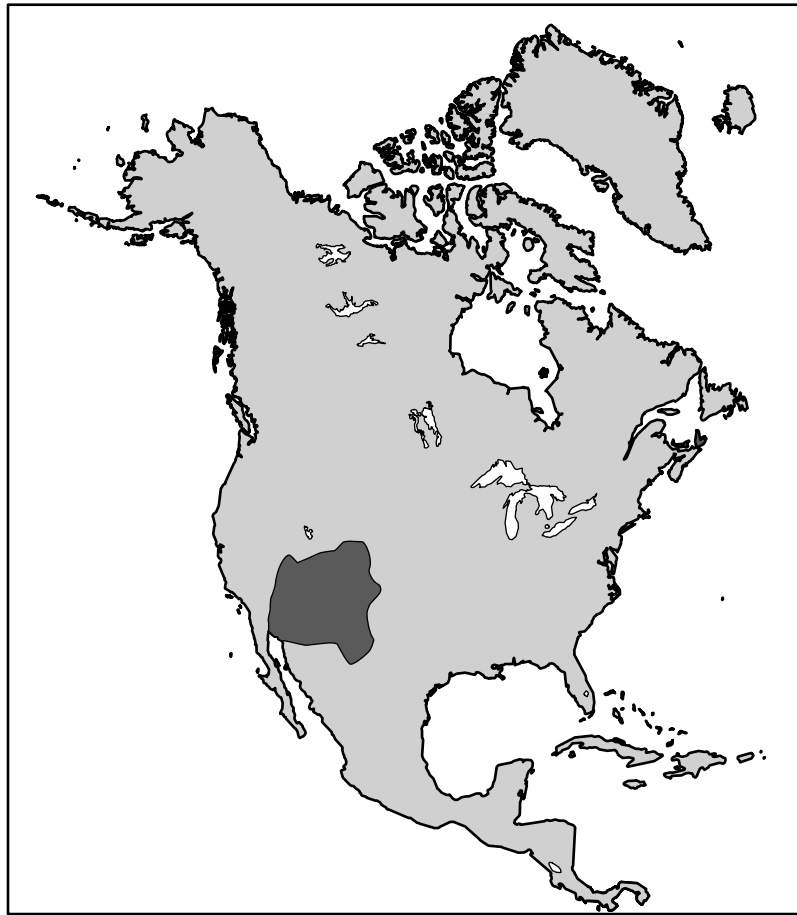
- F** Asia
- G** Africa
- H** Australia
- J** Antarctica

27 Why was the Battle of Gettysburg a turning point of the Civil War?

- A** It gave the North control of the Mississippi River.
- B** It allowed the South to capture the Union capital.
- C** The South was able to surround the Union Army.
- D** The North stopped a Confederate invasion.

28 Which geographic features are most associated with the Coastal Plain?

- F** Lakes and high plateaus
- G** Rolling flatlands with many rivers
- H** Broad lowlands with many harbors
- J** Mountain ranges and valleys

North America

Which American Indian group lived in the darker-shaded area on this map?

- A** Iroquois
- B** Pueblo
- C** Kwakiutl
- D** Inuit

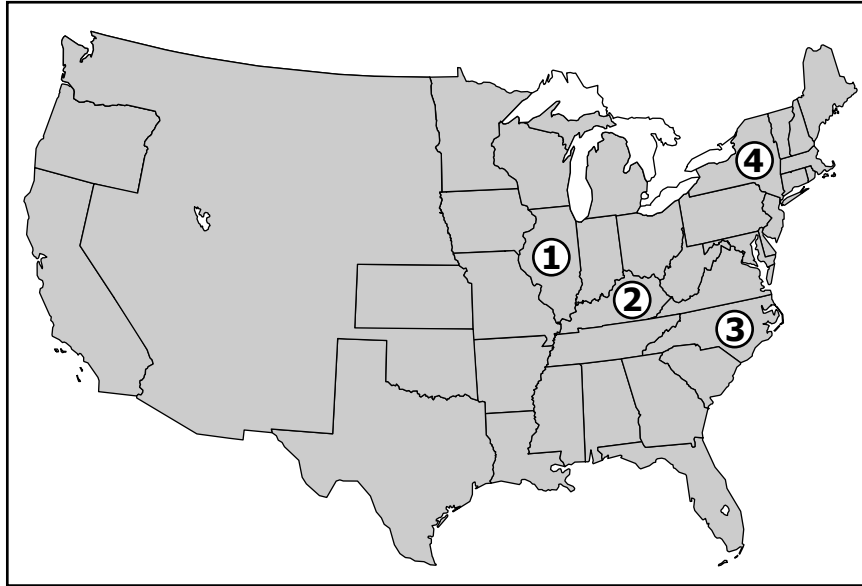
30 Most major cities and towns in the United States during the 18th century were located near —

- F** waterways
- G** central areas of the country
- H** mountains
- J** warm areas of the country

31 Which body of water forms part of the United States boundary with Mexico?

- A** Rio Grande
- B** Atlantic Ocean
- C** Colorado River
- D** Columbia River

United States, 1863



Which state was known as a border state during the Civil War?

- F 1
- G 2
- H 3
- J 4

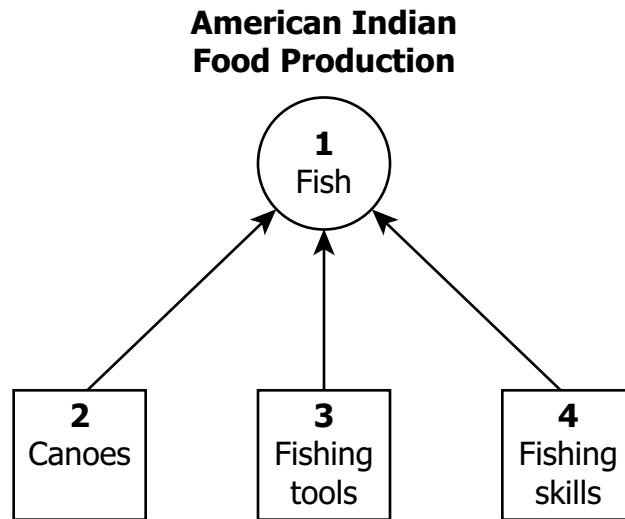
33 Which action was part of the Union plan during the Civil War?

- A Supporting the Underground Railroad
- B Blocking Southern ports
- C Securing territory in the Rocky Mountains
- D Ending a partnership with Canada

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| Buffalo is to Lakota As ? is to Inuit |
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Which of these best completes this comparison?

- F** Corn
- G** Seal
- H** Cattle
- J** Squash



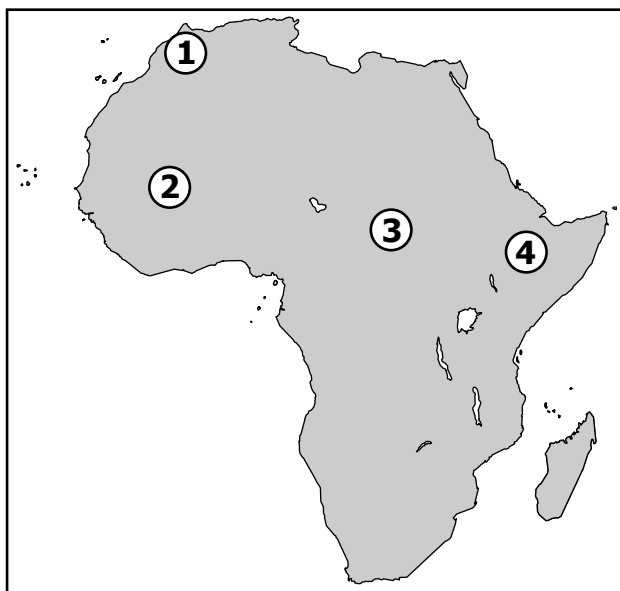
Which number in this diagram represents a human resource?

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

36 Which would most likely be found in the Mid-Atlantic colonies?

- F** Plantation farming
- G** Shipbuilding industries
- H** Market towns
- J** Gold mining

Africa



Which number on this map shows the location of Ghana?

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

**Weaknesses of the
Articles of Confederation**

- No executive branch
- No judicial branch
- No power to tax by Congress
- **?** _____

Which phrase best completes this list?

- F** No common currency
- G** No national legislature
- H** No political parties
- J** No states' rights

39 According to the Declaration of Independence, government receives its power from the —

- A** judiciary
- B** legislature
- C** military
- D** people

40 Manifest Destiny was the belief that the United States should —

- F** expand for the good of the country
- G** create a national court system
- H** become independent from Great Britain
- J** increase immigration from Europe

