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# **UNITED STATES HISTORY: 1865 TO THE PRESENT**

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## **SAMPLE**

**What did the Wright brothers invent?**

- ☐ **A** Automobile
- ☐ **B** Sewing machine
- ☐ **C** Airplane
- ☐ **D** Water pump

**During Reconstruction, former Confederate generals were —**

- ☐ **A** required to rejoin the United States army
- ☐ **B** given command of local military units
- ☐ **C** forbidden to hold public office
- ☐ **D** tried for treason against the United States

**Which issue most contributed to the early growth of labor unions?**

- ☐ **A** Dangerous working conditions
- ☐ **B** Local neighborhood pollution
- ☐ **C** Increasing income taxes
- ☐ **D** Limited worker education

### **African-American Leader**

- Born into slavery on a plantation in Virginia
- Believed equality could be achieved through vocational education
- Organized the Tuskegee Institute for agricultural and industrial education

**Which African-American leader is described in this list?**

- ☐ **A** Bessie Smith
- ☐ **B** Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ☐ **C** Rosa Parks
- ☐ **D** Booker T. Washington

**Before World War I, which factor helped transform the United States from an agricultural to an industrial nation?**

- ☐ **A** Declining financial resources
- ☐ **B** A shortage of skilled laborers
- ☐ **C** Lower production costs
- ☐ **D** A lack of new inventions

### Young Mine Workers



During the early 20th century, this type of scene motivated labor unions to —

- ☐ A increase working hours
- ☐ B reform education policies
- ☐ C limit employment of children
- ☐ D refuse employment to immigrants

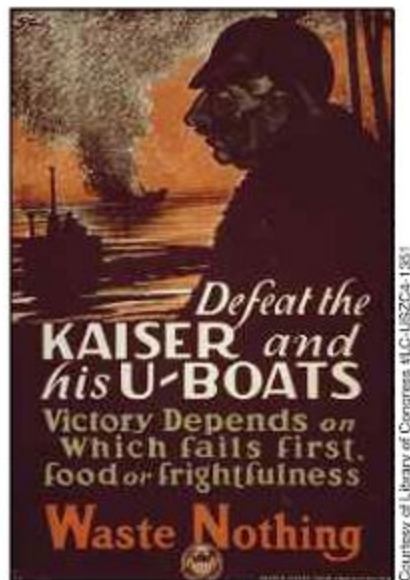
**How did yellow journalism contribute to the Spanish American War?**

- ☐ **A** By printing news stories that were not the whole truth
- ☐ **B** By giving advertising space to the Spanish government
- ☐ **C** By reporting only American victories
- ☐ **D** By selling newspapers to raise money for weapons



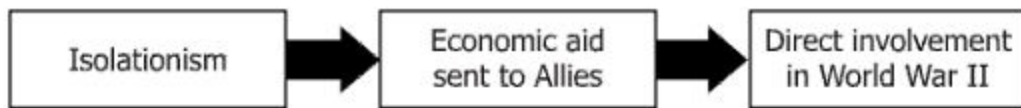
**Which statement is true about African Americans before moving north during the Great Migration?**

- ☐ **A** They faced discrimination and violence.
- ☐ **B** They were denied educational benefits.
- ☐ **C** They lost their citizenship and voting rights.
- ☐ **D** They were denied their religious freedom.



**This World War I poster reminded United States citizens about Germany's —**

- ☐ **A** success in industrial war production
- ☐ **B** use of unrestricted submarine warfare
- ☐ **C** communication with a foreign power
- ☐ **D** promise to follow a neutral policy



**Which member of the World War II Allies is described by these events?**

- ☐ **A** Canada
- ☐ **B** France
- ☐ **C** United States
- ☐ **D** Great Britain

Which headline shows a United States return to isolationism after World War I?

☐ A

★ NEWS ★
President Wilson Will Attend World Peace Conference

☐ C

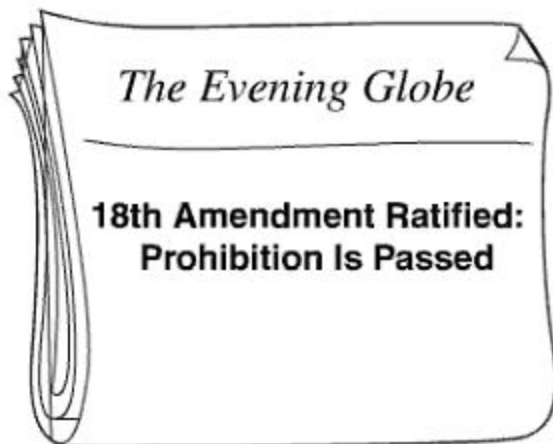
★ NEWS ★
United States Emerges as a World Power

☐ B

★ NEWS ★
United States Senate Rejects Versailles Treaty

☐ D

★ NEWS ★
British Reject President Wilson's Peace Plan



**The purpose of this constitutional amendment was to —**

- ☐ **A** forbid the production and sale of alcohol
- ☐ **B** give women the right to vote and hold office
- ☐ **C** allow for the direct election of senators
- ☐ **D** remove voting restrictions on minorities

**Characteristics of a**

**?**

**Government**

- Extreme patriotism
- Individual freedoms denied
- Dictator has total power

**Which government best completes this title?**

- ☐ **A** Republican
- ☐ **B** Fascist
- ☐ **C** Democratic
- ☐ **D** Socialist

### Prisoners in a German Concentration Camp

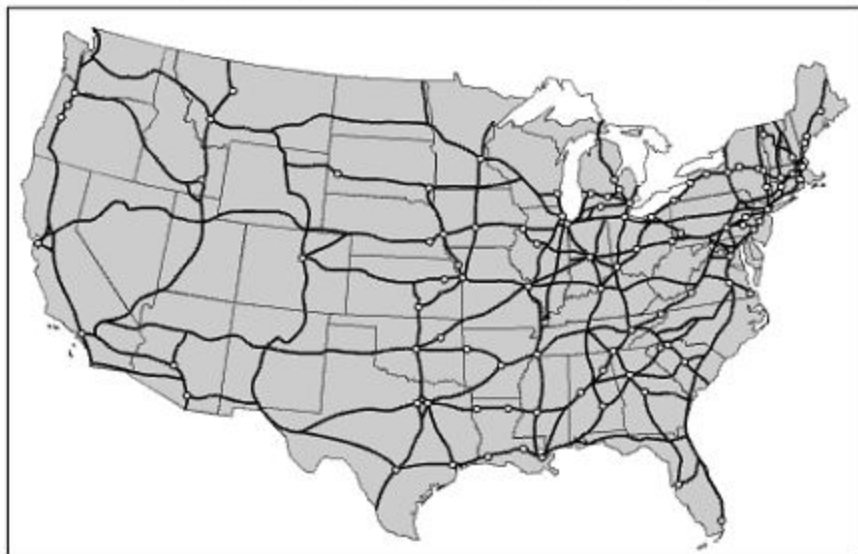


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**These men were prisoners because of the German —**

- ☐ **A** policies concerning imperialism
- ☐ **B** ideas about European immigration
- ☐ **C** policies regarding isolationism
- ☐ **D** beliefs in Aryan supremacy

### National System of Interstate Highways



**How did this national system affect American life?**

- ☐ **A** Citizens had greater access to information.
- ☐ **B** Speed of communication increased.
- ☐ **C** People began to travel more for pleasure.
- ☐ **D** Variation between regions increased.



**The United States military was desegregated by President —**

- ☐ **A** Woodrow Wilson
- ☐ **B** Franklin D. Roosevelt
- ☐ **C** Dwight D. Eisenhower
- ☐ **D** Harry S Truman

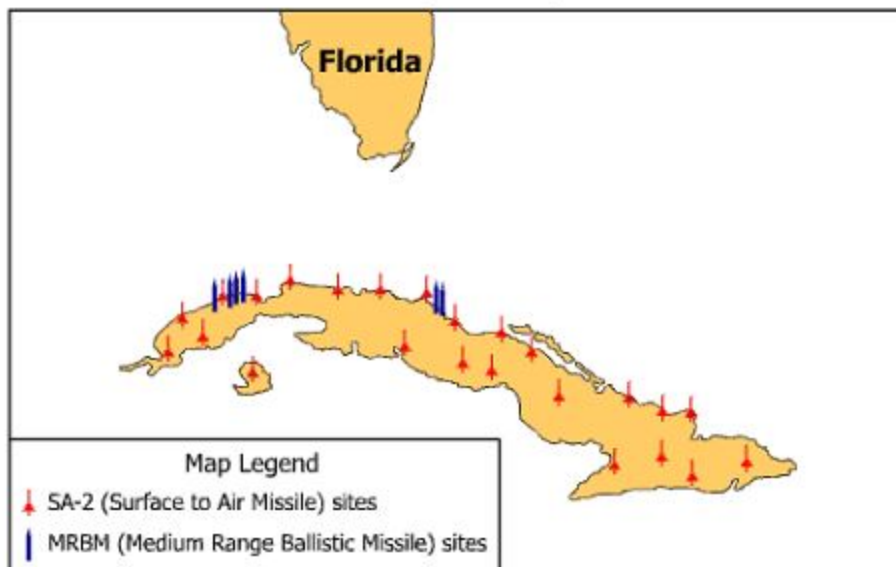
**Population Figures**

<b>City</b>	Houston	Dallas	Phoenix
<b>1940</b>	384,514	294,734	65,414
<b>1950</b>	596,163	434,462	106,818
<b>1960</b>	938,219	679,684	439,170

**Which invention most affected the population changes in this table?**

- ☐ **A** Home computers
- ☐ **B** Television
- ☐ **C** Satellites
- ☐ **D** Air conditioning

### Soviet Military Buildup in Cuba



The United States responded to this event by —

- ☐ A surrounding Cuba with a naval blockade
- ☐ B agreeing to an arms treaty with Cuba
- ☐ C imposing trade restrictions on Cuba
- ☐ D attacking Cuba with a ground invasion

**One example of segregation in the early 1950s is when African Americans and whites could NOT —**

- ☐ **A** serve in military units
- ☐ **B** work in the same factory
- ☐ **C** participate in protest marches
- ☐ **D** learn in the same school

**Which country gave the most military aid to defend North Korea during the Korean War?**

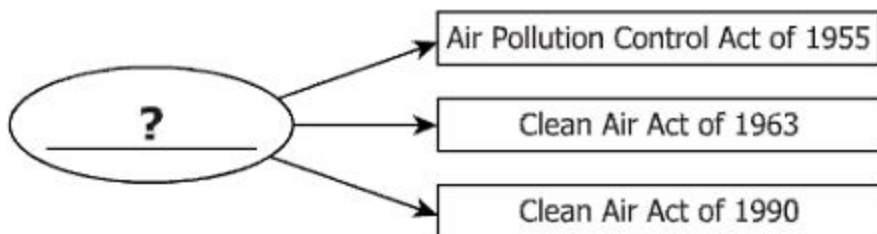
- ☐ **A** Japan
- ☐ **B** India
- ☐ **C** China
- ☐ **D** Thailand

**?**

- Organized marches
- Sit-ins
- Boycotts
- Freedom Riders

**Which title best completes this list?**

- ☐ **A** Great Depression
- ☐ **B** Vietnam War Protest
- ☐ **C** Cold War
- ☐ **D** Civil Rights Movement



**Which concern best completes this diagram?**

- ☐ **A** Political Problems
- ☐ **B** Unstable Economy
- ☐ **C** Medical Research
- ☐ **D** Environmental Issues

**Which city developed into a steel-manufacturing area?**

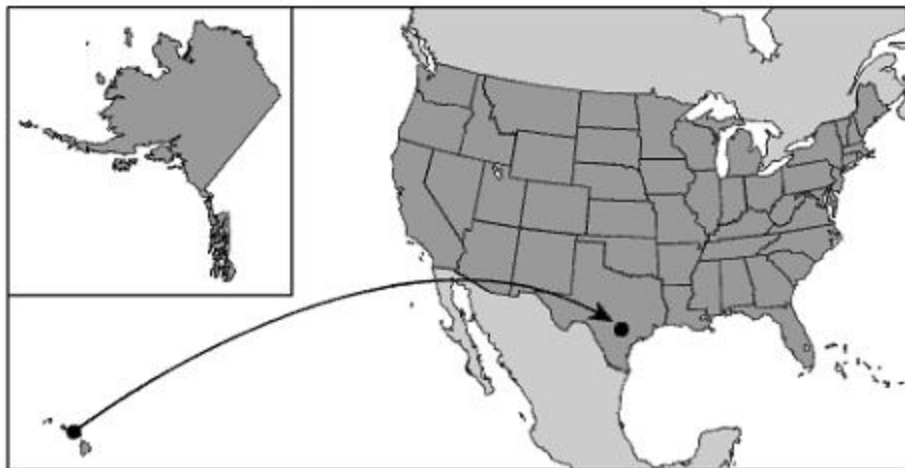
- ☐ **A** Boston
- ☐ **B** Detroit
- ☐ **C** Pittsburgh
- ☐ **D** New York



**The United States relocation policy resulted in American Indians being —**

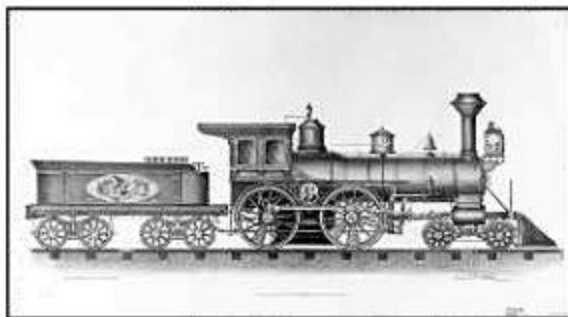
- ☐ **A** sent to live in foreign nations
- ☐ **B** taught to become factory workers
- ☐ **C** ordered to leave traditional lands
- ☐ **D** forced to trade with foreign nations

**United States**



**This map shows a route connecting —**

- ☐ **A** San Francisco and Chicago
- ☐ **B** Honolulu and San Antonio
- ☐ **C** Los Angeles and Denver
- ☐ **D** Juneau and Santa Fe



**This form of transportation helped create industrial centers by —**

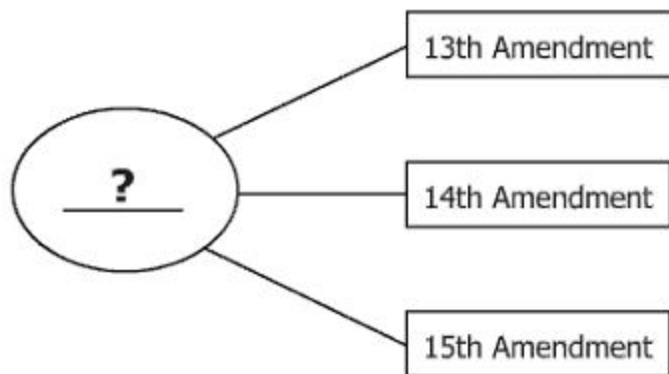
- ☐ **A** transporting farmers to Western towns
- ☐ **B** increasing the need for skilled workers
- ☐ **C** increasing tourist travel between states
- ☐ **D** transporting natural resources to Eastern factories

### Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.



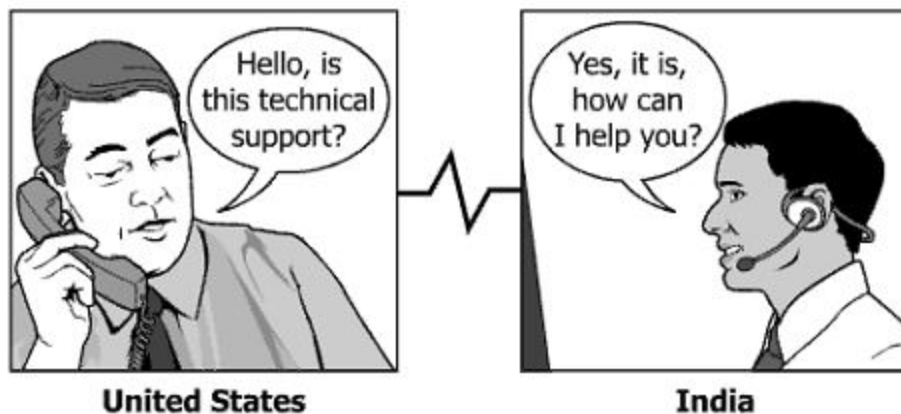
**In which region of the United States is this memorial located?**

- ☐ **A** Northeast
- ☐ **B** Southeast
- ☐ **C** Midwest
- ☐ **D** Southwest



**What phrase best replaces the question mark in this diagram?**

- ☐ **A** Amendments that address civil rights issues
- ☐ **B** Amendments that deal with the Bill of Rights
- ☐ **C** Amendments that deal with the Declaration of Independence
- ☐ **D** Amendments that address federalism



**This drawing shows an example of —**

- ☐ **A** international treaties
- ☐ **B** foreign tariffs
- ☐ **C** foreign immigration
- ☐ **D** job outsourcing

## Public Works Dam Construction Project



Courtesy of FDR Library

**This photograph shows a project intended to —**

- ☐ **A** preserve local wildlife
- ☐ **B** create immediate jobs
- ☐ **C** provide timber for housing
- ☐ **D** clear land for farms

**At the end of World War II, businesses changed from making war materials to making —**

- ☐ **A** consumer goods
- ☐ **B** alternative energies
- ☐ **C** computer systems
- ☐ **D** agricultural products



**The linking of different societies through globalization was most increased by —**

- ☐ **A** improvements in communications
- ☐ **B** the mechanization of factories
- ☐ **C** advances in farming technologies
- ☐ **D** the outsourcing of skilled jobs

Farmers received federal government assistance for the first time as a part of the —

- ☐ A Truman Doctrine
- ☐ B Marshall Plan
- ☐ C Fair Deal
- ☐ D New Deal