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SAMPLE

Which speech is associated with the Civil Rights Movement?

- ☐ **A** "Great Society"
- ☐ **B** "I Have a Dream"
- ☐ **C** "Berlin Wall"
- ☐ **D** "A Day in Infamy"

American Indian populations were most impacted by the introduction of European —

- ☐ **A** weapons
- ☐ **B** diseases
- ☐ **C** religion
- ☐ **D** culture

Which factor was significant to the cavaliers in the early colonization of eastern Virginia?

- ☐ **A** Debt forgiveness
- ☐ **B** Free land
- ☐ **C** Political freedom
- ☐ **D** Religious tolerance



During the American Revolution, this cartoon by Benjamin Franklin attempted to —

- ☐ **A** persuade colonists to support the Loyalists
- ☐ **B** recruit colonists for the Royal Navy
- ☐ **C** encourage colonists to resolve their differences
- ☐ **D** convince colonists to maintain state sovereignty

One major element of George Washington's military strategy during the American Revolution was avoiding —

- ☐ **A** direct confrontations
- ☐ **B** night attacks
- ☐ **C** important cities
- ☐ **D** naval battles

- President can veto an act passed by Congress
- Congress can override a veto by the President
- Courts can declare a law unconstitutional

These powers are a result of —

- ☐ **A** suggested amendments to the Articles of Confederation
- ☐ **B** a system of constitutional checks and balances
- ☐ **C** foreign influences on the colonies and territories
- ☐ **D** an idea taken from the Articles of Confederation

Which amendment to the Constitution of the United States was directly influenced by the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom?

- ☐ **A** 1st
- ☐ **B** 2nd
- ☐ **C** 5th
- ☐ **D** 8th

- Opposed the Bank of the United States
- Opposed the Jay Treaty with Great Britain
- Favored an economy based on agriculture

Which early United States political party believed in these positions?

- ☐ **A** Federalists
- ☐ **B** Whigs
- ☐ **C** Know-Nothings
- ☐ **D** Democratic-Republicans

One of the fundamental beliefs of Jacksonian Democracy was that —

- ☐ **A** political parties should have popular leaders
- ☐ **B** ordinary citizens should participate in politics
- ☐ **C** religious leaders should hold elected offices
- ☐ **D** federal jobs should go to qualified individuals

So you're the little woman who wrote the book that made this great war!

— President Abraham Lincoln, 1862

President Lincoln was speaking to —

- ☐ **A** Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- ☐ **B** Sojourner Truth
- ☐ **C** Harriet Tubman
- ☐ **D** Harriet Beecher Stowe

Jefferson Davis



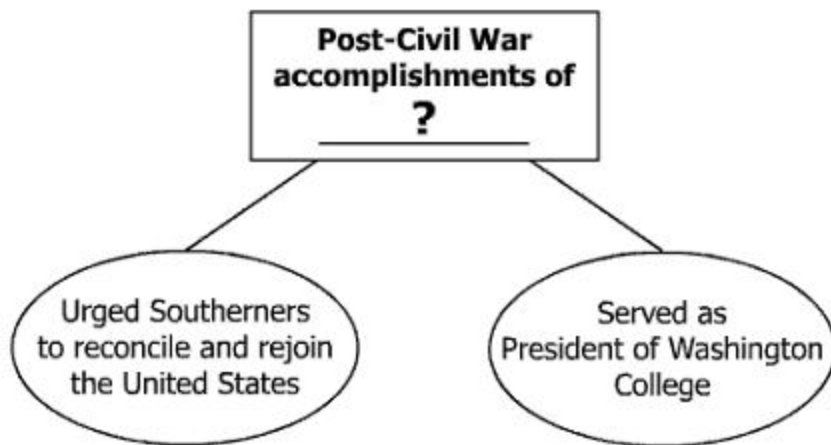
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Which role did this person play in the nation's history?

- ☐ **A** Leader in the Texas Revolution
- ☐ **B** Justice on the Supreme Court
- ☐ **C** General in the Mexican-American War
- ☐ **D** President of the Confederate States of America

Before the Civil War, slavery was prohibited in certain areas by the —

- ☐ **A** Monroe Doctrine
- ☐ **B** Dred Scott decision
- ☐ **C** Kansas-Nebraska Act
- ☐ **D** Missouri Compromise

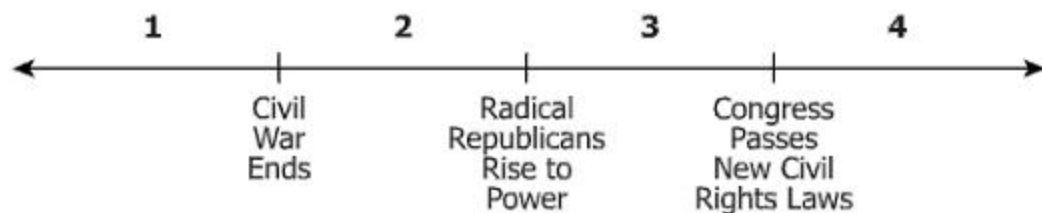


Which leader is described in this diagram?

- ☐ **A** Ulysses S. Grant
- ☐ **B** Abraham Lincoln
- ☐ **C** Robert E. Lee
- ☐ **D** Jefferson Davis

The Battle of Fort Sumter was a significant event in Civil War history because it was the first —

- ☐ **A** Confederate defeat during the Civil War
- ☐ **B** conflict that included African-American soldiers
- ☐ **C** time British soldiers fought alongside Union soldiers
- ☐ **D** military confrontation of the Civil War



The assassination of President Abraham Lincoln belongs in which section of this timeline?

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

Which civil rights leader believed African Americans could earn equality by learning vocational skills?

- ☐ **A** Oliver Hill
- ☐ **B** W.E.B. DuBois
- ☐ **C** Booker T. Washington
- ☐ **D** Martin Luther King, Jr.



This headline affected the United States by eventually leading to —

- ☐ **A** involvement in the Spanish American War
- ☐ **B** construction of the Panama Canal
- ☐ **C** entry into World War I
- ☐ **D** neutrality during the 1930s

Which type of music was popularized by radio in the 1920s?

- ☐ **A** Jazz
- ☐ **B** Reggae
- ☐ **C** Bluegrass
- ☐ **D** Folk

Doffer and Spinner Boys in Seaconnet Mill, 1912



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This photograph demonstrates conditions exposed by a —

- ☐ **A** suffragist
- ☐ **B** muckraker
- ☐ **C** union representative
- ☐ **D** factory owner

What was one result of the Federal Reserve's failure to prevent the collapse of the banking system prior to the Great Depression?

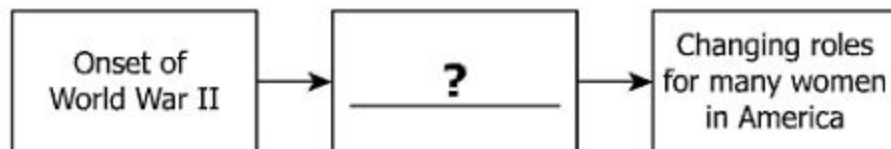
- ☐ **A** The money supply contracted.
- ☐ **B** Interest rates decreased.
- ☐ **C** The stock market recovered.
- ☐ **D** Protective tariffs were repealed.

Which action kept the United States from joining the League of Nations?

- ☐ **A** Massive public protests
- ☐ **B** Veto by the President
- ☐ **C** Opposition in the Senate
- ☐ **D** Revision of treaties

After the start of World War II, the Lend-Lease Act allowed the United States to —

- ☐ **A** acquire new weapons
- ☐ **B** assist the Allied powers
- ☐ **C** occupy Axis territory
- ☐ **D** reinstate the military draft



Which factor best completes this diagram?

- ☐ **A** Mass migration
- ☐ **B** Labor shortages
- ☐ **C** Resource rationing
- ☐ **D** High birthrates

- War bond drives
- Rationing
- Wage and price controls

During World War II, these measures served to —

- ☐ **A** maintain supplies for the war effort
- ☐ **B** rebuild a war-damaged economy
- ☐ **C** establish international relief funds
- ☒ **D** protect personal savings



This emblem symbolizes the struggles of women to —

- ☐ **A** join the military
- ☐ **B** earn respect as mothers
- ☐ **C** gain rights as workers
- ☐ **D** earn the right to vote

Which aspect of American life was most challenged by the passage of the 19th Amendment?

- ☐ **A** Organized religion
- ☐ **B** Role of women
- ☐ **C** Economic policy
- ☐ **D** Opposition to segregation

Registered Minority Voters

State	1960	1970
Texas	35.5%	72.6%
Georgia	29.3%	57.2%
Arkansas	38.0%	82.3%

Which president signed the 1965 legislation that made these changes possible?

- ☐ A Harry S Truman
- ☐ B Dwight D. Eisenhower
- ☐ C Richard M. Nixon
- ☐ D Lyndon B. Johnson

Which conflict best represents an application of the containment policy?

- ☐ **A** Spanish American War
- ☐ **B** World War I
- ☐ **C** World War II
- ☐ **D** Vietnam War

The Eastern Hemisphere, 1980s



What country on this map did President Ronald Reagan describe as an "evil empire"?

- ☐ A 1
- ☐ B 2
- ☐ C 3
- ☐ D 4

Immigration Push Factors — things that cause a person to leave a country and move elsewhere

One push factor for many United States immigrants is that their native country has a —

- ☐ **A** quality education system
- ☐ **B** lack of family connections
- ☐ **C** diverse religious history
- ☐ **D** lack of employment opportunities

To deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world, to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools, and for other purposes.

This excerpt describes the purpose of the —

- ☐ **A** Patriot Act
- ☐ **B** Strategic Defense Initiative
- ☐ **C** United Nations Participation Act
- ☐ **D** Interstate Commerce Commission

The collapse of communism in the late 1980s led to the reunification of —

- ☐ **A** Germany
- ☐ **B** Korea
- ☐ **C** Vietnam
- ☐ **D** Yugoslavia



Which president made this announcement?

- ☐ **A** Gerald Ford
- ☐ **B** James Carter, Jr.
- ☐ **C** Ronald Reagan
- ☐ **D** William Clinton

In recent years, advances in technology have changed employers' expectations for job applicants so that most United States employers now —

- ☐ **A** believe workers must be loyal to their company
- ☐ **B** expect their employees to have computer skills
- ☐ **C** require workers to be able to operate heavy machines
- ☐ **D** feel employees should have advanced scientific knowledge

How has the Internet affected the lives of rural Americans?

- ☐ **A** By attracting more medical professionals to rural areas
- ☐ **B** By creating more blue-collar jobs in rural areas
- ☐ **C** By providing better access to information
- ☐ **D** By lowering the cost of housing

Which regions are the source of most recent immigration to the United States?

- ☐ **A** Latin America and Africa
- ☐ **B** Asia and Latin America
- ☐ **C** Western Europe and Africa
- ☐ **D** Asia and Southern Europe

We crossed into Missouri out of the Indian country, near what is now known as Baxter Springs. I sat on my horse every night while we were coming through the Indian country; I was so afraid something would scare the cattle that I could not sleep in the tent; but we had no stampede.

— Tom Candy Ponting, 1853

This description concerns the —

- ☐ **A** transportation of cattle to markets in the Midwest
- ☐ **B** immigration of workers to build the Transcontinental Railroad
- ☐ **C** movement of cattle to feed the troops during the Civil War
- ☐ **D** relocation of settlers to new territory in the Midwest

The Open Door Policy was important to United States merchants because its goal was to —

- ☐ **A** ensure freedom of trade with China
- ☐ **B** control the economy of Latin America
- ☐ **C** grant exclusive trading rights with Hawaii
- ☐ **D** limit commercial activity in Europe

During the 19th century, Chinese immigrants played a major role in the —

- ☐ **A** building of the Transcontinental Railroad
- ☐ **B** development of the public school system
- ☐ **C** establishment of the abolition movement
- ☐ **D** formation of the Tammany Society

Normandy, France



This wreckage is from a large-scale invasion to —

- ☐ **A** force the surrender of Japan
- ☐ **B** liberate Europe
- ☐ **C** seek the support of Russia
- ☐ **D** free Germany

The Battle of Stalingrad was significant because Germany was —

- ☐ **A** cut off from Italian reinforcements
- ☐ **B** denied access to valuable oil resources
- ☐ **C** forced to surrender its western armies
- ☐ **D** invaded by Allied troops

The Soviet Union built the Berlin Wall in 1961 in order to —

- ☐ **A** reroute automobile traffic around downtown Berlin
- ☐ **B** prevent the transfer of money from Western Europe to the East
- ☐ **C** prevent escape of Eastern Europeans to the West
- ☐ **D** fortify the government headquarters building in Berlin

1. Patrick Henry
2. George Mason
3. James Madison
4. George Washington

Which leaders opposed the ratification of the Constitution of 1787?

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

A strong national government is needed to facilitate commerce, manage foreign trade, provide for the national defense, and conduct foreign relations.

A person making such a statement would most likely favor the —

- ☐ **A** Treaty of Paris
- ☐ **B** Articles of Confederation
- ☐ **C** Declaration of Independence
- ☐ **D** Constitution of the United States

Thomas Paine's publication of *Common Sense* influenced many American colonists to support the —

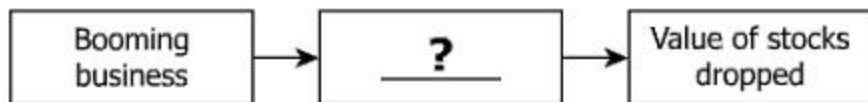
- ☐ **A** formation of loyalist groups
- ☐ **B** concept of capitalist economies
- ☐ **C** idea of separation from England
- ☐ **D** purchase of territory from France

The principles of the Declaration of Independence led to increased social participation over time by —

- ☐ **A** supporting low taxes
- ☐ **B** creating the two-party system
- ☐ **C** promoting civil rights
- ☐ **D** promoting a strong government

John Marshall was instrumental in strengthening the —

- ☐ **A** State Department
- ☐ **B** Federal Reserve
- ☐ **C** Electoral College
- ☐ **D** Supreme Court



Which phrase best completes this diagram?

- ☐ **A** Foreign tariffs increased
- ☐ **B** Demand for goods declined
- ☐ **C** Overspeculation of investments
- ☐ **D** Failure of banks

The founders of Rhode Island had different views from the Massachusetts Puritans on —

- ☐ **A** enslaved workers
- ☐ **B** private property
- ☐ **C** indentured servants
- ☐ **D** religious tolerance

John Locke's political theory was based on the idea that individuals —

- ☐ **A** obey their king
- ☐ **B** free their slaves
- ☐ **C** need spiritual salvation
- ☐ **D** possess natural rights