



United States History

Test Pack

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UNITED STATES HISTORY • PRETEST

Circle the letter of the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. What did European explorers call Native Americans?
 - a. colonists
 - b. Indians
 - c. Americans
 - d. none of the above

2. Which term was used to describe Europeans who settled in the New World?
 - a. Redcoats
 - b. Indians
 - c. colonists
 - d. Native Americans

3. What is a revolution?
 - a. a peaceful agreement
 - b. a world war
 - c. a fight to overthrow a government
 - d. a nonviolent protest

4. Which statement below is TRUE?
 - a. The Declaration of Independence ended the American Revolution.
 - b. The Boston Massacre was the last battle of the American Revolution.
 - c. George Washington was Commander-in-Chief of the English army.
 - d. France helped the American colonies win the American Revolution.

5. Who were the Loyalists?
 - a. people who signed the Declaration of Independence
 - b. anyone who promised to stay loyal to his or her colony
 - c. colonists who wanted to break away from England
 - d. colonists who stayed loyal to England during the American Revolution

UNIT 2 TEST • DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION I

Circle the letter of the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. How did the United States gain the Northwest Territory?
 - a. in a war with Mexico
 - b. as part of the Treaty of Paris
 - c. in a war with Canada
 - d. by buying it from France

2. What is a frontier?
 - a. a territory that has just been settled
 - b. an area of rich farmland
 - c. a boundary line between settled and unsettled lands
 - d. a row of navy ships

3. What was the main reason England blockaded American ships in the late 1700s?
 - a. to take American guns for its own ships
 - b. to get America into the war with France
 - c. to destroy American goods
 - d. to prevent America from trading with France

4. Which United States president was responsible for the Louisiana Purchase?
 - a. Abraham Lincoln
 - b. Ulysses Grant
 - c. Andrew Johnson
 - d. Thomas Jefferson

5. Why did Napoleon agree to sell the Louisiana Territory?
 - a. He didn't want to own land in North America.
 - b. He needed money to pay for France's war with England.
 - c. He knew that the Louisiana Territory had poor farmland.
 - d. The Americans forced him to sell.

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6. Which of the following statements about the Louisiana Purchase is TRUE?
- It doubled the land area of the United States.
 - It was land that once belonged to England.
 - Spain sold the land to the United States.
 - all of the above
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7. Whom did America fight in the War of 1812?
- Germany
 - Canada
 - England
 - France
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8. Which statement about the War of 1812 is TRUE?
- England won it.
 - At the end, neither England nor the United States gained any territory.
 - Most of the battles were fought along the border between the United States and Mexico.
 - all of the above
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9. What is nationalism?
- a weak central government
 - a feeling of national pride
 - a feeling of loyalty to your state
 - a government ruled by a king or queen
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10. What was the purpose of the Erie Canal?
- to provide an all-water route from New York to the Great Lakes
 - to connect the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River
 - to slow down foreign imports
 - to stop people from settling in the West
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11. Which event drove pirates away from the Atlantic Coast?
- the settlement of Florida by Native American tribes
 - the purchase of Florida from Spain
 - the purchase of New Orleans from France
 - a revolution in South America

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12. What was the meaning of the Monroe Doctrine?
- Europe would stay out of America's affairs, and America would stay out of Europe's affairs.
 - The United States would double its territory.
 - No states west of the Mississippi River could be slave states.
 - The United States was willing to share the Northwest Territory with England.
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13. What was Manifest Destiny?
- the treaty that ended the War of 1812
 - the belief of many Americans that westward movement was a right given to them by God
 - a document that limited Europe's control of South America
 - none of the above
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14. Which of the following happened in part because of the battle at the Alamo?
- Texas became a free nation.
 - Texas remained part of Mexico.
 - Texas was given to Europe.
 - Texas became a part of Florida.
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15. Whom did Texan soldiers fight against at the Alamo?
- Mexican soldiers
 - English soldiers
 - Colonial soldiers
 - none of the above
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16. What is the Lone Star Republic?
- a group of states that broke away from the United States and formed their own nation
 - the only state in the Union that allowed slavery
 - the name of Texas after it gained its independence from Mexico
 - another name for Florida

UNITED STATES HISTORY • POSTTEST

Circle the letter of the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. What are colonists?
 - a. people who make their home in a new land but remain citizens of their native country
 - b. people who form an army to overthrow a government
 - c. people who spend their entire lives in the same country
 - d. people who travel from country to country and never settle in one place

2. What country were European explorers looking for when they found the New World?
 - a. Egypt
 - b. America
 - c. Italy
 - d. India

3. What is foreign policy?
 - a. economic differences between countries
 - b. limits on immigration
 - c. the way people from other countries are treated
 - d. the way one country deals with other countries

4. Which statement about the American colonies is TRUE?
 - a. The colonies did not have help from any other countries during the American Revolution.
 - b. The original 13 colonies were on the West Coast.
 - c. George Washington was Commander-in-Chief of the Colonial army.
 - d. Native Americans tried to control the colonies' foreign policy and trade.

5. What did it mean to be a Loyalist during the American Revolution?
 - a. You promised loyalty to the 13 colonies.
 - b. You believed in a strong central government.
 - c. You remained loyal to England.
 - d. You moved back to England to avoid the revolution.