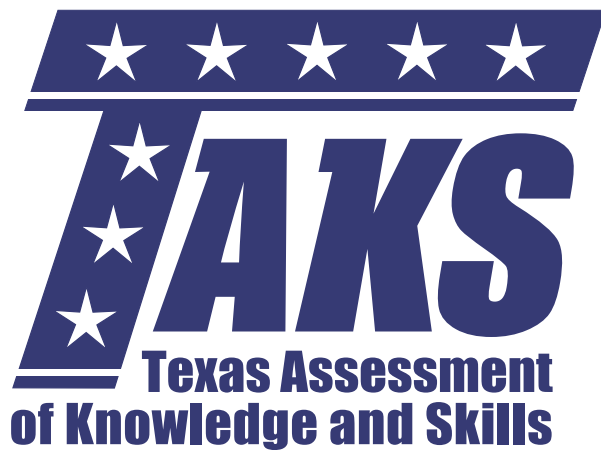


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DIRECTIONS

Read each question and choose the best answer. Then fill in the correct answer on your answer document.

SAMPLE A

Who served as president of the United States during the Civil War?

- A** Thomas Jefferson
- B** Andrew Jackson
- C** James K. Polk
- D** Abraham Lincoln



Use the excerpt and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

April 1st. Friday Cloudy with rain afterwards fair, people in the corn house, then about the fence, Davy and Delphia sick.

2d Saturday Cloudy all day, did some work in the field and in the garden, Davy and Delphia sick, John and Ephraim went to Mr. Curry's and then Ephraim went twice to the mill.

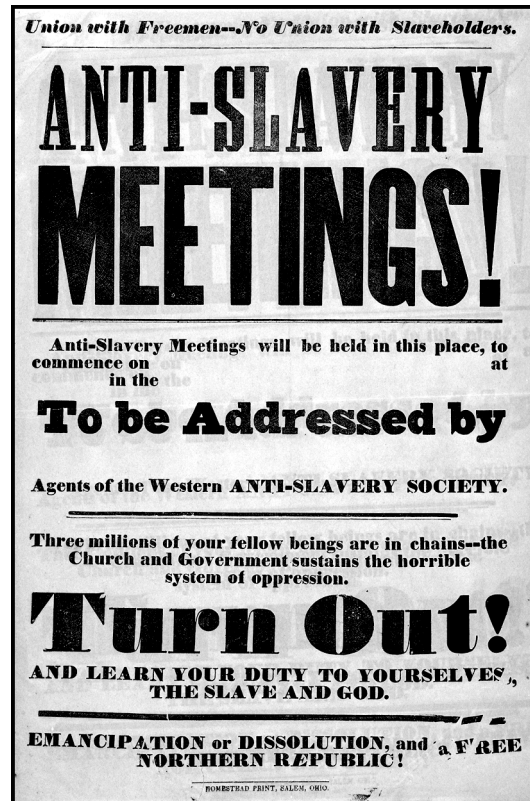
3d Sunday Cloudy with some rain.

4th Monday Cloudy, Davy plowing, John making shoes for my daughter Peggy, Billy wagoning cornstalks, women picking them up and loading the wagon.

— *Diary of Joseph Hornsby, 1803*

- 1 According to the diary entries above, the author most likely worked as a —
 - A farmer
 - B shipbuilder
 - C blacksmith
 - D physician
- 2 What was one result of President Andrew Jackson's policies toward Native Americans?
 - F The Apaches formed an alliance with the Sioux to fight against the U.S. Army.
 - G The Nez Percé became slaves on southern cotton plantations.
 - H The Cherokees were forced to move to territory west of the Mississippi River.
 - J The Iroquois were forced to send their children to public schools in Pennsylvania.

Use the poster and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

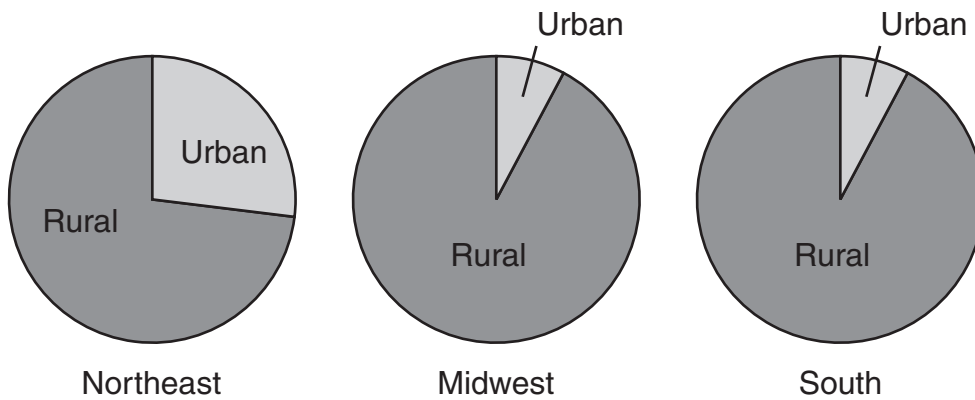


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- 3 The meetings announced in the poster above were most likely organized by supporters of which movement?
 - A Abolition
 - B Public education
 - C Temperance
 - D Labor

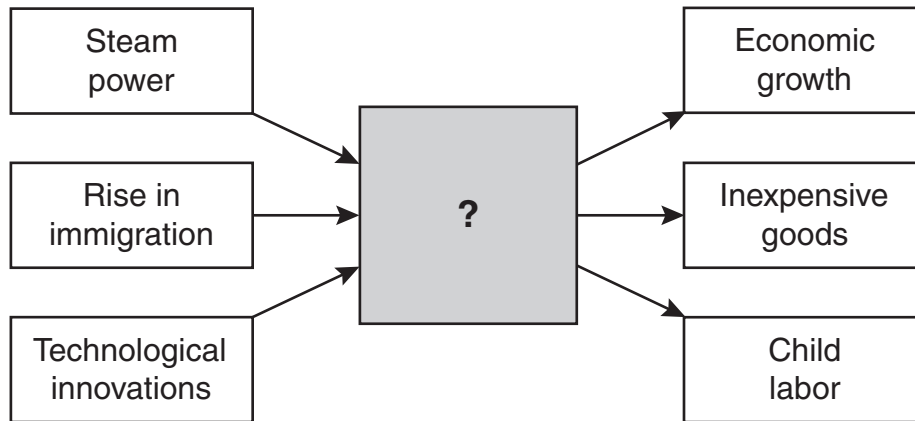
Use the graphs and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

Urban/Rural Population Distribution in 1850, by Region



- 4 Which statement about the U.S. population in 1850 is best supported by the information in these graphs?
- F** Rural life was similar in the South and the Northeast.
 - G** New immigrants to the Northeast settled primarily in urban areas.
 - H** The Midwest was becoming increasingly urbanized.
 - J** The majority of people in these three regions lived in rural areas.

Use the diagram and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



5 Which of the following best completes the diagram above?

- A Plantation System
- B Nullification Crisis
- C Industrial Revolution
- D Indian Removal Act

Use the information in the box and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

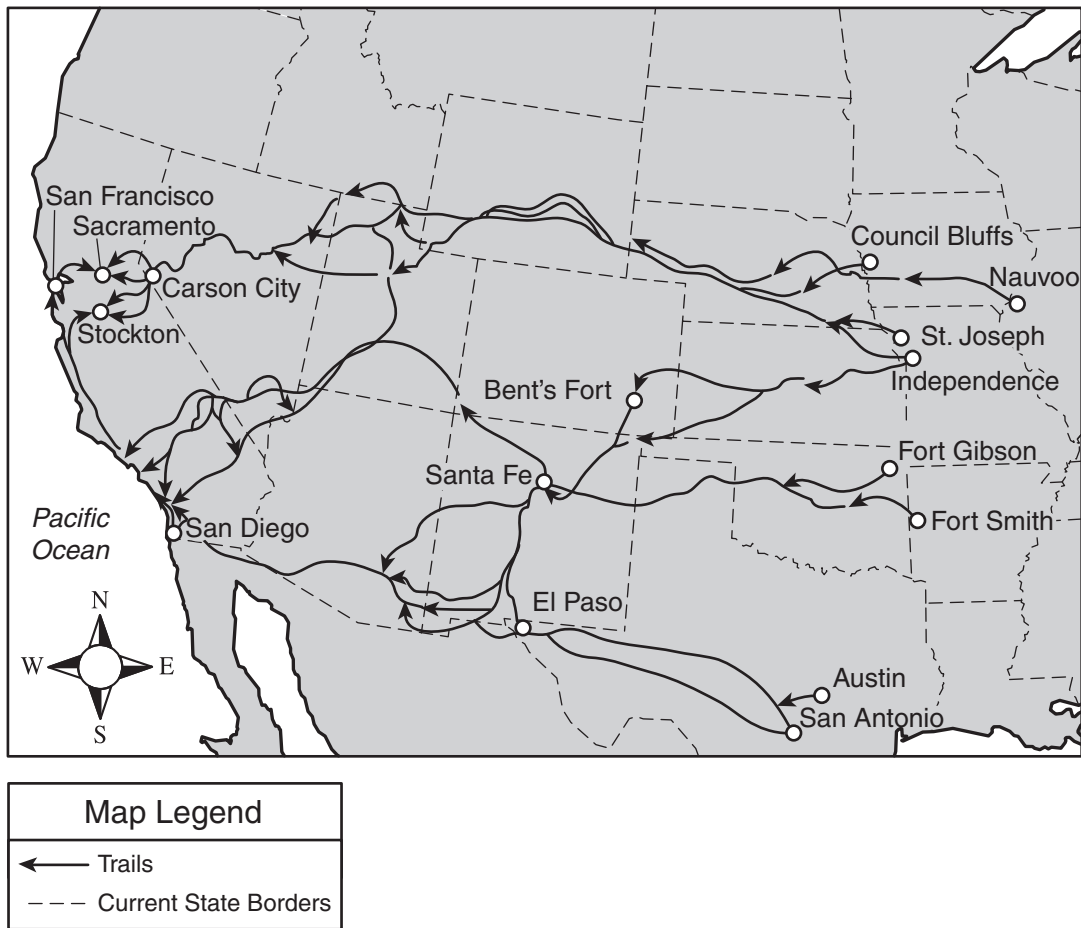
- Landmark ruling
- Held that slaves were property and could not be citizens
- Contributed to tensions that led to the Civil War

6 Which Supreme Court decision is described above?

- F *Marbury v. Madison*
- G *Dred Scott v. Sandford*
- H *McCulloch v. Maryland*
- J *Worcester v. Georgia*

Use the map and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

Selected Routes of Westward Migration, Mid-1800s

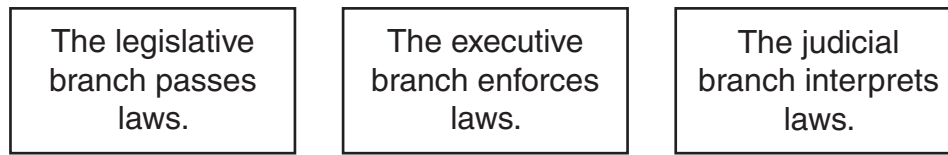


7 This map shows a pattern of migration that resulted from —

- A buffalo hunting
- B the demand for labor to build a railroad
- C the discovery of gold in California
- D the revolution in Texas

Use the diagram and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

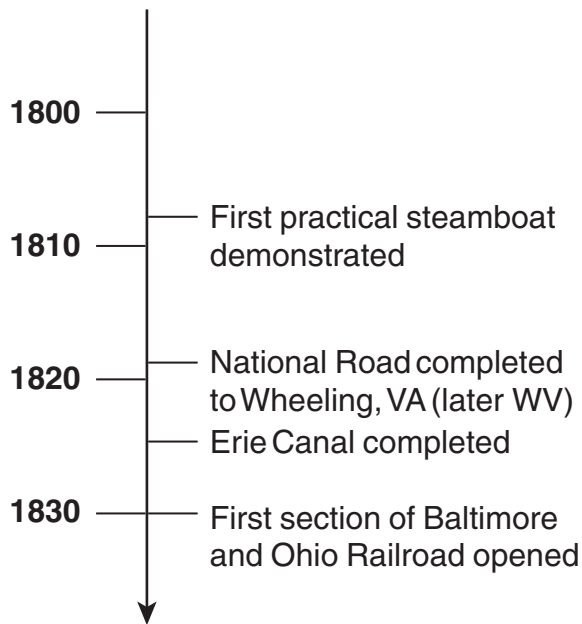
Laws in the United States



8 Which important principle of U.S. government is reflected in the diagram?

- F** Individual rights
- G** Popular sovereignty
- H** Federalism
- J** Separation of powers

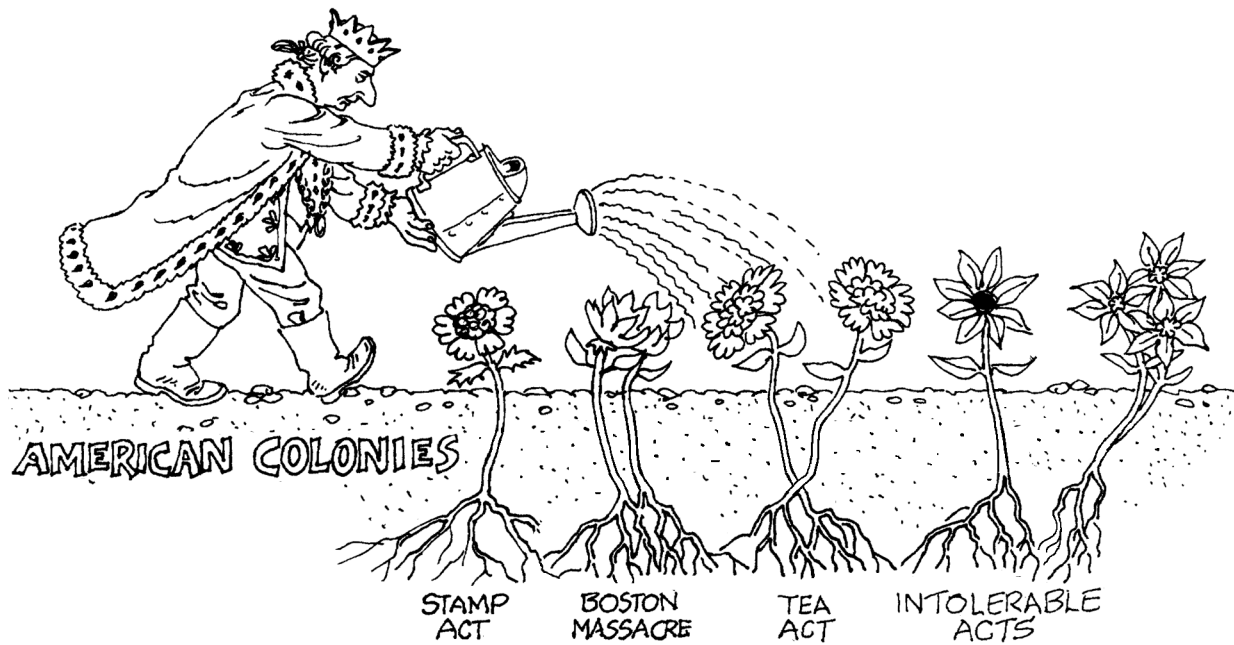
Use the time line and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



- 9 Which of these is the best summary of the information above?
- A It took a long time for railroads to become popular.
 - B New inventions and engineering techniques led to waterway construction.
 - C Technical innovations and internal improvements created new travel options.
 - D Transportation depended primarily on private investment.

- 10 In the 1850s, a key issue in the debate over the admission of new states to the Union was whether the new states would —
- F allow slavery
 - G build railroads
 - H give women the right of suffrage
 - J support homesteading

Use the cartoon and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



11 The roots of the plants in this cartoon represent —

- A people living in Great Britain
- B opponents of the American Revolution
- C factors leading to the American Revolution
- D laws passed by colonial assemblies

12 Which of these is a reason for protecting freedom of speech in a democratic society?

- F Regulating unpopular opinions
- G Ensuring that all parts of society have a voice
- H Preventing citizens from criticizing the government during wartime
- J Guaranteeing that all citizens will attend school

13 Cyrus McCormick's mechanical reaper changed grain production by —

- A forcing most small farmers out of business
- B improving crop resistance to insects
- C enabling farmers to grow wheat in rocky soil
- D reducing the amount of labor required for harvesting

Use the chart and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

Early U.S. Presidents and Vice Presidents

President	Number of Terms	Political Party	Vice President
George Washington	2	None	John Adams
John Adams	1	Federalist	Thomas Jefferson
Thomas Jefferson	2	Democratic-Republican	Aaron Burr George Clinton
James Madison	2	Democratic-Republican	George Clinton Elbridge Gerry
James Monroe	2	Democratic-Republican	Daniel Tompkins
John Q. Adams	1	Democratic-Republican	John C. Calhoun
Andrew Jackson	2	Democrat	John C. Calhoun Martin Van Buren
Martin Van Buren	1	Democrat	Richard M. Johnson

- 14 The chart shows three vice presidents who —
- F later became president
 - G were related to one another
 - H were older than the president they served with
 - J later opposed the president they served with

Use the photographs and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



Cliff Palace, Mesa Verde, Colorado



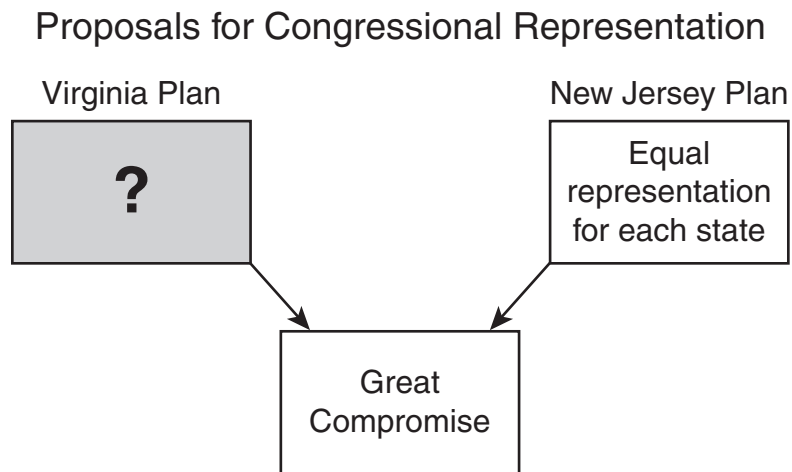
New York City

Source: Library of Congress

15 The two photographs show how the environment —

- A can be changed by natural forces
- B recovers from pollution over time
- C can be altered to suit human habitation
- D can be protected by humans

Use the diagram and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



16 Which idea best completes this diagram?

- F** Representation by presidential appointment
- G** Representation based on a state's date of admission
- H** Representation based on a state's population
- J** Representation with term limits

- 17 The Nullification Crisis revolved around the ability of —
- A a state to declare federal laws unconstitutional
 - B the president to ignore Supreme Court rulings
 - C businesses to reject provisions of a contract
 - D U.S. Army officers to disobey direct orders

Use the excerpt and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

15. In future we will allow no one to levy [collect] an 'aid' [payment] from his free men [tenants]. . . .

39. No free man shall be seized or imprisoned . . . except by the lawful judgement of his equals or by the law of the land.

41. All merchants may enter or leave England unharmed and without fear. . . .

44. People who live outside the forest need not in future appear before the royal justices of the forest in answer to general summonses. . . .

— *Magna Carta*, 1215

- 18 Which clause of the Magna Carta most directly influenced the U.S. Bill of Rights?
- F 15
 - G 39
 - H 41
 - J 44

- 19 The Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution —
- A established a federal income tax
 - B abolished slavery
 - C banned cruel and unusual punishment
 - D gave women the right to vote

Use the information in the box and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

- Western saddle
- Heeled boots
- Lariat
- Bandanna
- Leather chaps

- 20 Which group was most responsible for making the items listed above common throughout the Southwest?
- F Cherokees
 - G Mormon settlers
 - H Mexican ranchers
 - J Chinese railroad workers

Use the cartoon and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



21 Disagreement over the issues as represented in the cartoon above led to the —

- A start of the American Revolution
- B passage of the Northwest Ordinance
- C formation of political parties
- D passage of protective tariffs

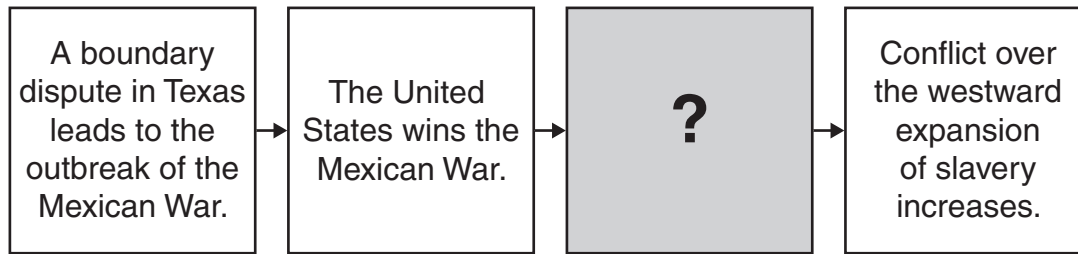
22 Thomas Paine wrote *Common Sense* to —

- F** explain why the American colonies should form an alliance with Spain
- G** increase public support for American independence
- H** criticize the military strategies of General George Washington
- J** criticize King George III for his support of the French and Indian War

23 Which was a direct result of the Battle of Vicksburg?

- A** Confederate forces were unable to invade Pennsylvania.
- B** Union forces were able to stop blockade runners.
- C** Confederate forces attacked Washington, D.C.
- D** Union forces gained control of the Mississippi River.

Use the diagram and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



24 Which of the following best completes the diagram?

- F The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo gives land to the United States.
- G The Treaties of Velasco return land to the Republic of Texas.
- H The Adams-Onís Treaty transfers Florida to the United States.
- J The Oregon Treaty sets the boundary between the United States and Canada.

Use the information in the box and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

- Passed by a two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress
- Ratified by the legislatures or conventions in three-fourths of the states
- _____ ?

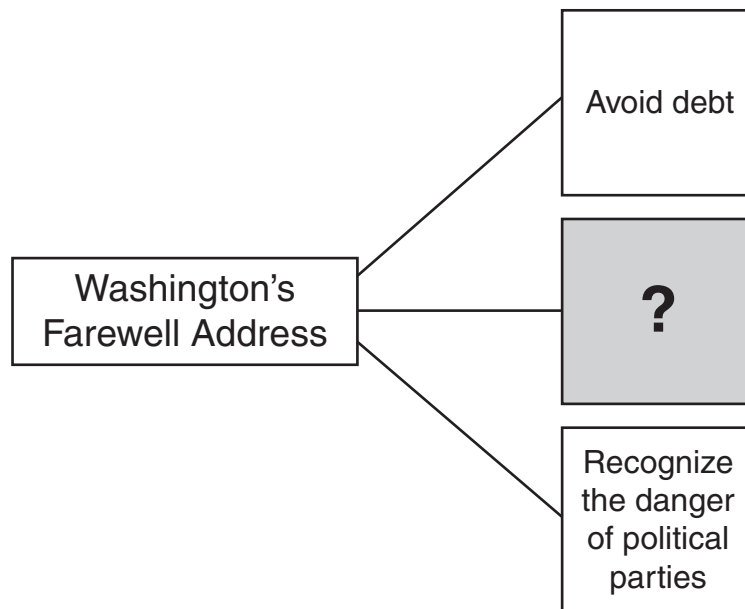
25 Which of these best completes the list above?

- A Overturns a Supreme Court ruling
- B Becomes a revision to the federal income tax code
- C Takes effect as an international treaty
- D Becomes an amendment to the U.S. Constitution

26 What geographic feature was established as a boundary for western settlement by the Proclamation of 1763?

- F Hudson River
- G Appalachian Mountains
- H Rocky Mountains
- J Great Lakes

Use the diagram and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



27 Which of these best completes the diagram?

- A Annex western territories
- B Abolish slavery
- C Avoid foreign alliances
- D Recognize states' rights

28 The Supreme Court decision in *Marbury v. Madison* established which constitutional principle?

- F** Judicial review
- G** Popular sovereignty
- H** States' rights
- J** Implied powers

Use the information in the box and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

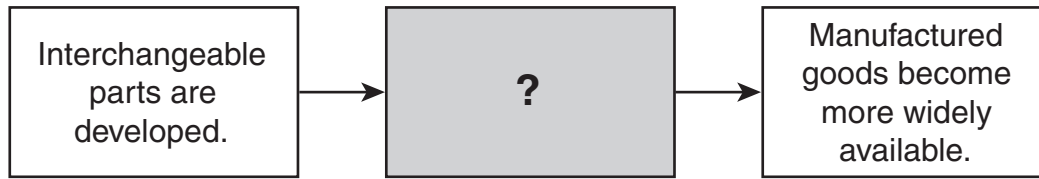
Powers Denied to Congress Under the Articles of Confederation

- Taxation
- Trade regulation
- Tariffs

29 Under the Articles of Confederation, Congress was denied the powers above because the —

- A** courts were given absolute authority
- B** citizens feared a strong central government
- C** citizens lacked interest in business matters
- D** courts were responsible for regulating business activity

Use the diagram and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



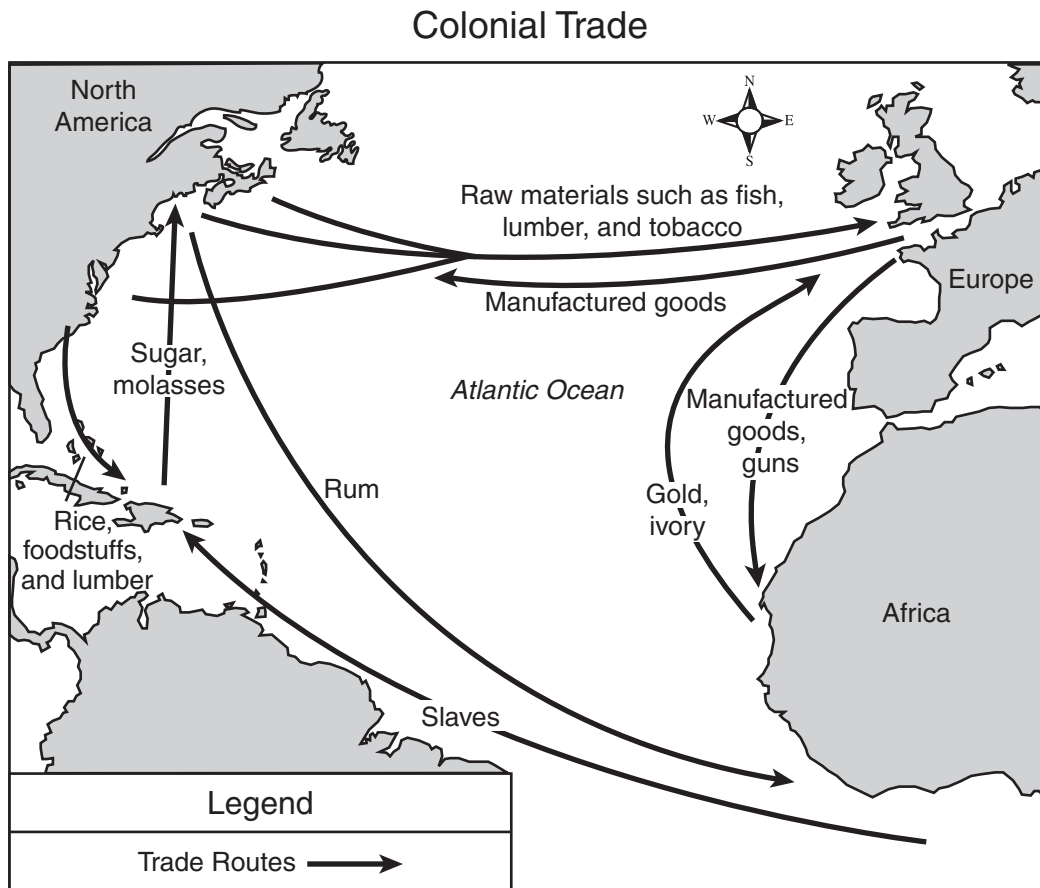
30 Which of the following best completes the sequence of events above?

- F** The price of manufactured goods rises.
- G** The mass production of consumer goods becomes more efficient.
- H** The number of markets decreases.
- J** Transportation problems limit access to markets.

31 The British surrender at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777 is considered a turning point in the Revolutionary War because it resulted in —

- A** the reopening of the port of Boston
- B** Benedict Arnold committing treason
- C** France becoming an ally of the United States
- D** the Continental Congress fleeing Philadelphia

Use the map and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



- 32** The trade pattern shown on this map, known as the triangular trade, involved the direct exchange of —
- F** fish for lumber
 - G** sugar for ivory
 - H** guns for rice
 - J** rum for slaves

- 33 Which statement best characterizes the condition of African Americans in the pre–Civil War South?
- A Free blacks received lower pay than slaves.
 - B Blacks in the South lacked the basic rights held by whites.
 - C Southerners encouraged free blacks to attend school.
 - D Slaves earned low wages because they were unskilled.

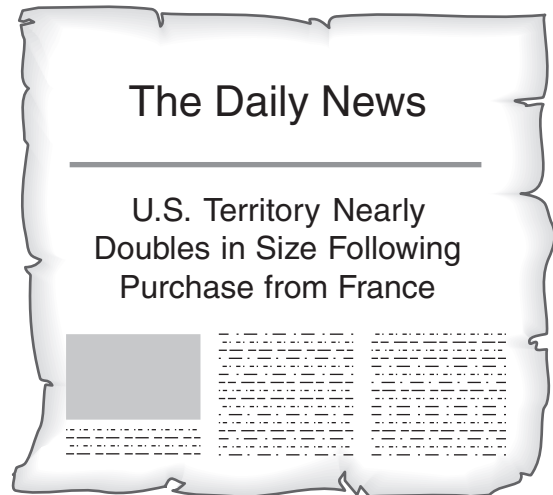
Use the excerpt and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

That all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people . . .

— *Virginia Declaration of Rights, 1776*

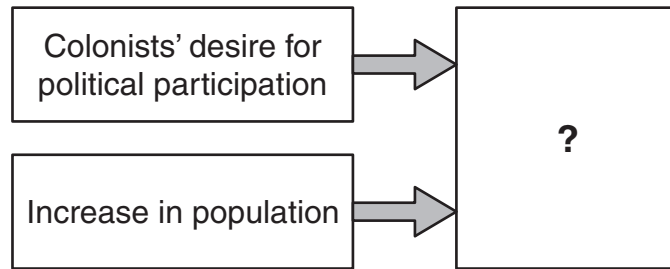
- 34 It can be concluded from the excerpt above that in Virginia the citizens —
- F must uphold the separation of church and state
 - G are required to serve in the military
 - H must perform jury duty each year
 - J are the source of the government’s authority

Use the newspaper headline and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



- 35 In which year would this headline have most likely appeared?
- A 1787
 - B 1798
 - C 1803
 - D 1812

Use the diagram and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



36 As a result of the changes in colonial America shown above, which type of government best completes the diagram?

- F** Monarchy
- G** Representative democracy
- H** Direct democracy
- J** Aristocracy

37 The Bill of Rights includes —

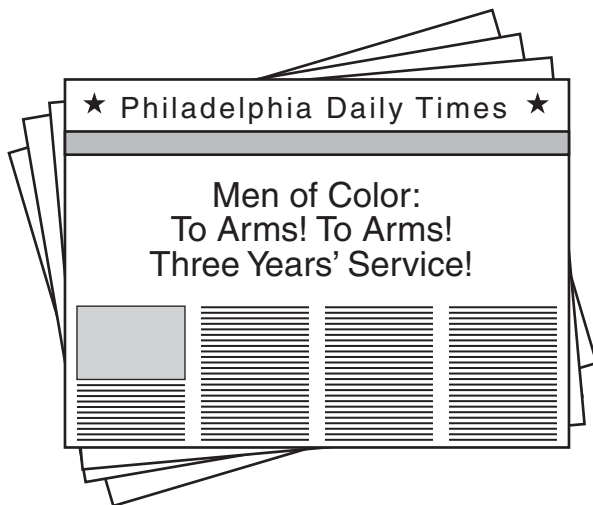
- A** the right to own slaves
- B** women's suffrage
- C** freedom of the press
- D** the right to vote by secret ballot

38 Which group most likely received the greatest benefit from the invention of the cotton gin?

- F** Factory managers
- G** Irish immigrants
- H** Plantation owners
- J** Textile workers

- 39 The Puritans came to live in the Americas for the purpose of —
- A establishing new religious communities
 - B creating economic opportunities for England
 - C preventing Spain from establishing its own colonies
 - D growing new types of crops in the fertile soil

Use the headline and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



- 40 The newspaper headline above called for African American men to —
- F rebel against plantation owners in the South
 - G become indentured servants and work in northern textile mills
 - H enlist in the Union army
 - J establish an independent colony in Africa

- 41 Which statement explains how the steamboat changed life along U.S. rivers?
- A River towns lost residents.
 - B Manufactured goods became more accessible.
 - C Agricultural goods became less accessible.
 - D Rivers became energy sources.

Use the information in the box and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

- Frederick Douglass—*The North Star*
- Harriet Beecher Stowe—*Uncle Tom's Cabin*
- William Lloyd Garrison—*The Liberator*

- 42 The individuals listed above are most closely associated with the —
- F abolitionist movement
 - G temperance movement
 - H expansionist movement
 - J women's suffrage movement

Use the table and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

Significant People During the American Revolution

Samuel Adams	Thomas Paine	Thomas Jefferson
?	Author of <i>Common Sense</i>	Author of the Declaration of Independence

43 Which of the following best completes this table?

- A Governor of Massachusetts
- B Minister to France
- C Commander in chief
- D Leader of the Sons of Liberty

- 44** Which factors encouraged the development of an agricultural economy in the southern colonies?
- F** Mild summers, thin soil, and the region's proximity to the ocean
 - G** A cold climate, rocky soil, and abundant rainfall
 - H** A mild climate, rich soil, and a long growing season
 - J** Warm summers, cold winters, and little rainfall

- 45** Unalienable rights are best described as rights that —
- A** can be transferred between people
 - B** have to be purchased
 - C** must be earned
 - D** are possessed by all people

- 46** Before the Civil War, southern states objected to high tariffs because the tariffs led to —
- F** an increase in the price of manufactured goods
 - G** limitations on the availability of western lands
 - H** limitations on the profitability of mining operations
 - J** an increase in the production of tobacco

- 47** Elizabeth Cady Stanton is best known for —
- A** participating in social movements in support of women's suffrage, temperance, and abolition
 - B** advocating the use of technological innovations such as the steam engine, interchangeable parts, and the cotton gin
 - C** promoting economic development through tariffs and public-works projects
 - D** supporting the creation of utopian religious communities

Use the table and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

American Wars, 1775–1865

Name of Conflict	Estimated Number of U.S. Soldiers Involved*
American Revolution	217,000
War of 1812	286,730
Mexican War	78,718
Civil War	3,713,000
Total	4,295,448

* The Civil War figure includes Union and Confederate soldiers.

48 Which statement is best supported by the table above?

- F The American Revolution was the shortest of the conflicts.
- G The Mexican War involved the prolonged occupation of a foreign country.
- H Fewer soldiers participated in the War of 1812 than in any other conflict.
- J More soldiers participated in the Civil War than in all the other conflicts combined.

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