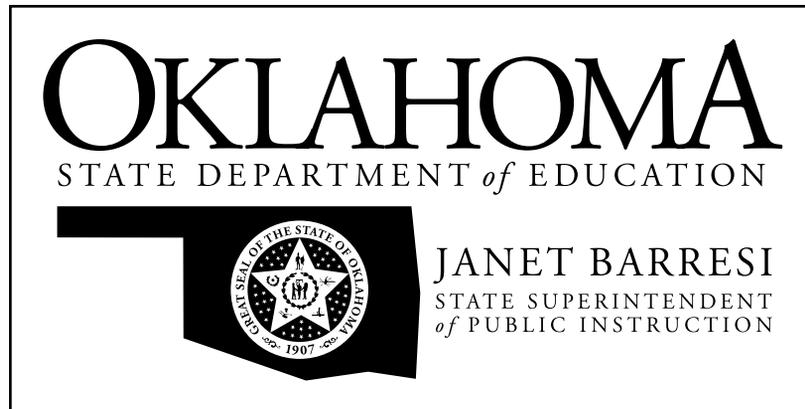


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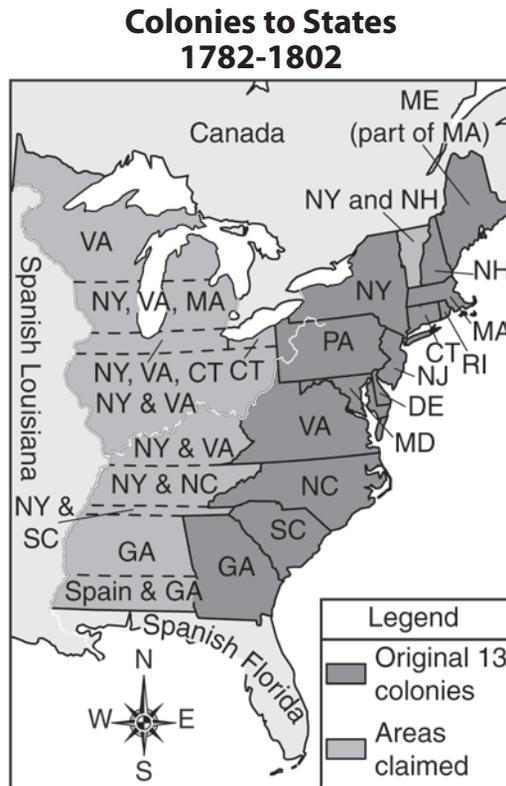


Directions

Read each question and choose the best answer.

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Which state was created from parts of New York and New Hampshire?

- A** Maine
- B** Vermont
- C** Connecticut
- D** Massachusetts



2

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**He [King George III] has refused his Assent to Laws
the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.
—Declaration of Independence**

The phrase “necessary for the public good” is

- A** a fact.
- B** a cause.
- C** an effect.
- D** an opinion.

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**. . . and that government of the people, by the people, for the
people, shall not perish from the earth.
—Gettysburg Address**

These words were intended to remind people of the

- A** territory gained through the Treaty of Paris.
- B** grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence.
- C** restrictions described in the Articles of Confederation.
- D** principles expressed in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution.



4

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The headlines are about the democratic principle of

- A majority rule.
- B republicanism.
- C checks and balances.
- D consent of the governed.

5 During the American Revolution one advantage for the colonists was their

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- A professional army.
- B experienced navy.
- C support from Canadian volunteers.
- D knowledge of the American landscape.



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. . . [W]e have abundant reason to be convinced, that the spirit for Trade which pervades these States is not to be restrained; it behooves us then to establish just principles; and this, any more than other matters of national concern, cannot be done by thirteen heads differently constructed and organized.

—George Washington, 1785

Which document was a cause of the problem discussed here?

- A** Louisiana Purchase Treaty
- B** Articles of Confederation
- C** Northwest Ordinance
- D** Treaty of Paris

7 Slavery spread in the South because it led to success for

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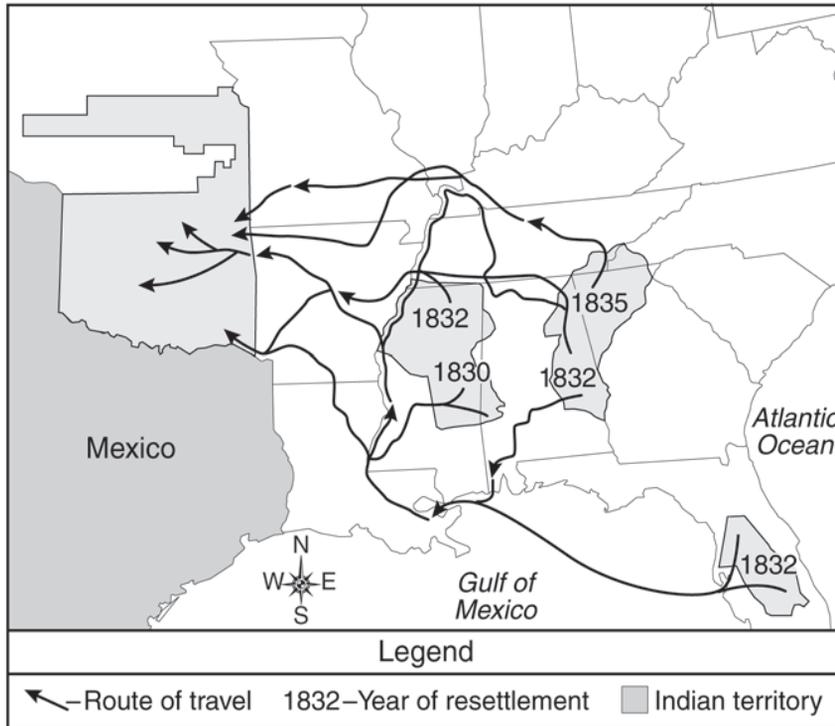
- A** importers.
- B** manufacturers.
- C** plantation owners.
- D** subsistence farmers.



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Native American Resettlement



The Native American resettlement shown in the map was primarily the result of

- A** wars among the tribes.
- B** policies of the government.
- C** the arrival of European immigrants.
- D** the creation of new state boundaries.

9 The Quartering Act forced colonists to

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- A** teach and practice British customs.
- B** accept and use British currency.
- C** house and feed British troops.
- D** buy and sell British goods.



10



1803

This cartoon implies that by 1803 the U.S. government was

- A** incapable of defending its western borders.
- B** considered trustworthy by world powers.
- C** unable to expand its national borders.
- D** searching for foreign military allies.

11 The expansion of industry from 1820 to 1860 led to a growing population of European immigrants in

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- A** Massachusetts.
- B** California.
- C** Maryland.
- D** Georgia.



12

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Shall I discard all my ancient principles; shall I renounce [reject] that name, that nation...If I attach myself to the Mother Country, which is 3,000 miles from me, I become what is called an enemy to my own region; if I follow the rest of my countrymen, I become opposed to our ancient masters...

**—J. Hector St. John Crevecoeur
Letters From An American Farmer, 1782**

Which issue is the writer considering?

- A** American dependence on the practice of slave labor
- B** westward expansion beyond the Appalachians
- C** American independence from Great Britain
- D** social reform in the colonies

13 James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay wrote essays in support of the U.S. Constitution. These essays were called

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- A** The Liberator.
- B** Common Sense.
- C** Wealth of Nations.
- D** The Federalist Papers.

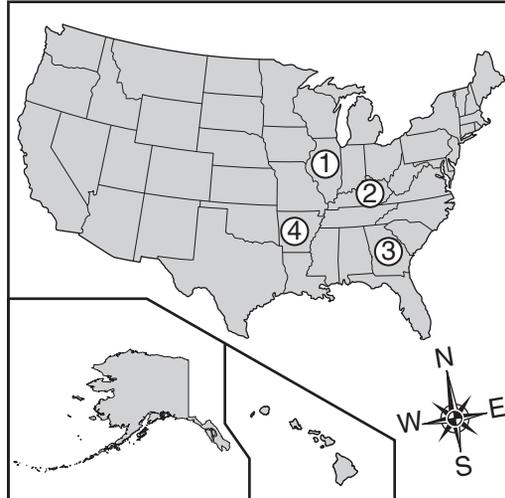
14 Which activity was a result of the discovery of gold in California in 1848?

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- A** Many Native Americans benefited by selling land.
- B** Few farmers remained in the area ten years later.
- C** The region's population tripled within ten years.
- D** The state declared independence from Mexico.



United States



The state of Georgia is represented by the number

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



16

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Finance in the Northern and Southern States
Before the Civil War

	North	South
Value of Manufactured Products	\$1.62 billion	\$155 million
Bank Deposits	\$207 million	\$47 million

Based on the table, which statement is most likely true?

- A Cities in the South had fewer banks than cities in the North.
- B Workers in the North were paid less than workers in the South.
- C The northern economy was stronger than the southern economy.
- D The southern economy was based more on industry than agriculture.

17 How did the First Continental Congress lead to increased conflict between the American colonies and Britain?

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- A It issued a declaration of war on Britain.
- B It affirmed a colonial right to own slaves.
- C It encouraged a colonial boycott of British goods.
- D It appointed a committee to explore independence.



I consider. . . the power to annul a law of the United States, assumed by one State, incompatible with the existence of the Union, contradicted expressly by the letter of the Constitution. . .

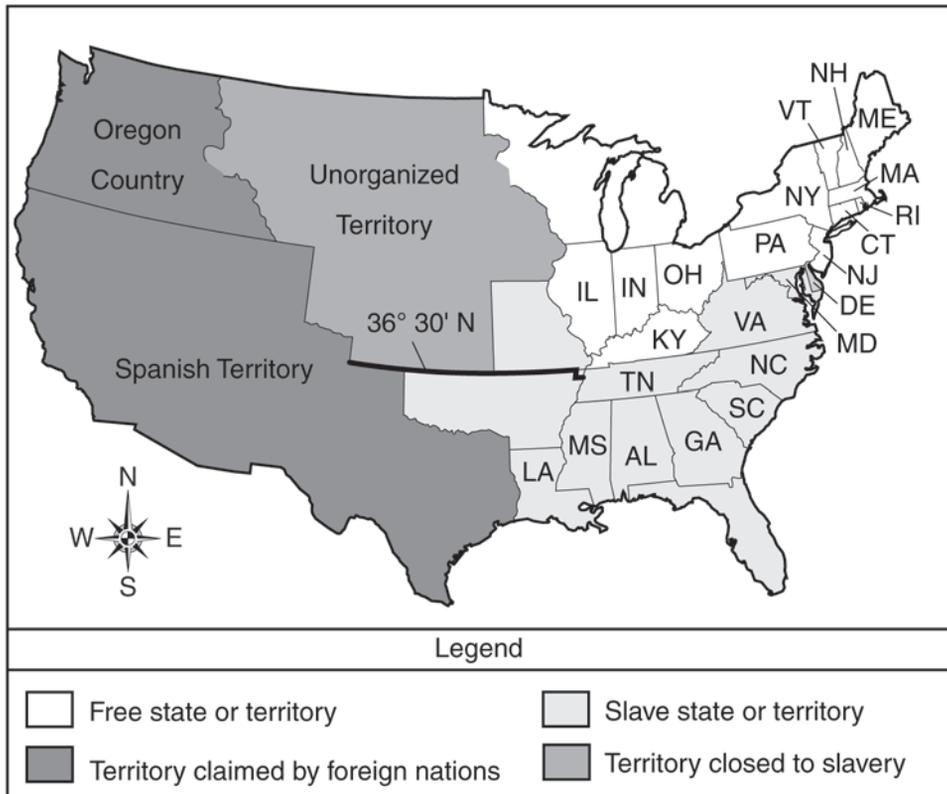
—President Andrew Jackson, 1832

This quote was most likely made in response to

- A** opposition to the removal of Native Americans.
- B** efforts to charter the Bank of the United States.
- C** opposition to protective tariffs in South Carolina.
- D** armed rebellion by farmers in western Massachusetts.



The Missouri Compromise, 1820



Which statement is supported by the map above?

- A** The Oregon Country was a slave territory.
- B** Slavery was prohibited in Southern states.
- C** New England had both free and slave states.
- D** The North and the South were divided over slavery.

20 Which term best describes representative governments?

- A** tyranny
- B** anarchy
- C** aristocracy
- D** democracy



21

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1845 - Texas	Annexed as a new state
1846 - Oregon	Divided with Britain by treaty
1848 - Mexican Cession	Paid \$15 million for huge southwest region
1853 - Gadsden Purchase	Acquired from Mexico to build a transcontinental railroad

Which phrase is the best title for the chart above?

- A U.S. Foreign Loans
- B U.S. Territorial Expansion
- C U.S. Wars with Native Americans
- D U.S. Attempts at Peaceful Diplomacy

22 The 19th-century abolitionist movement was established to

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- A distribute land west of the Mississippi River.
- B eliminate slavery in the United States.
- C impose term limits for elected officials.
- D give women the right to vote.



23

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United States Presidential Election of 1860

Candidate	Electoral Vote	Popular Vote
Abraham Lincoln (Illinois)	180	1,866,452
John C. Breckenridge (Kentucky)	72	847,953
John Bell (Tennessee)	39	590,831
Stephen A. Douglas (Illinois)	12	1,371,157

Members of which group were least likely to be pleased with the election results shown in this table?

- A Irish immigrants
- B Native Americans
- C Southern planters
- D Northern industrialists

24 Which battle sealed the victory for the American colonies in the Revolutionary War?

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- A Guildford Courthouse
- B King's Mountain
- C Charleston
- D Yorktown



Our Union—It must be preserved [kept]

—President Andrew Jackson

The Union—next to our liberty most dear

—Vice President John C. Calhoun

Which conclusion may be reached based on these comments at a formal state dinner?

- A** Jackson believed the rights of the Union overrode the rights of individual states.
- B** Jackson believed the rights of native groups were above the rights of the Union.
- C** Calhoun believed the rights of the Union yielded to the rights of individual businessmen.
- D** Calhoun believed the rights of international trading partners were above the rights of the Union.



