



# NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES LEAGUE - 2015

Grade 5 and Grade 6 Contest

- ANSWER KEY -

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| 1. <u>    D    </u>  | 21. <u>    A    </u> |
| 2. <u>    A    </u>  | 22. <u>    C    </u> |
| 3. <u>    B    </u>  | 23. <u>    D    </u> |
| 4. <u>    C    </u>  | 24. <u>    B    </u> |
| 5. <u>    A    </u>  | 25. <u>    C    </u> |
| 6. <u>    B    </u>  | 26. <u>    C    </u> |
| 7. <u>    D    </u>  | 27. <u>    B    </u> |
| 8. <u>    C    </u>  | 28. <u>    C    </u> |
| 9. <u>    B    </u>  | 29. <u>    A    </u> |
| 10. <u>   A   </u>   | 30. <u>    C    </u> |
| 11. <u>    D    </u> | 31. <u>    A    </u> |
| 12. <u>    B    </u> | 32. <u>    B    </u> |
| 13. <u>    B    </u> | 33. <u>    D    </u> |
| 14. <u>    D    </u> | 34. <u>    B    </u> |
| 15. <u>    D    </u> | 35. <u>    D    </u> |
| 16. <u>    C    </u> | 36. <u>    C    </u> |
| 17. <u>    D    </u> | 37. <u>    B    </u> |
| 18. <u>    A    </u> | 38. <u>    B    </u> |
| 19. <u>    D    </u> | 39. <u>    A    </u> |
| 20. <u>    C    </u> | 40. <u>    D    </u> |

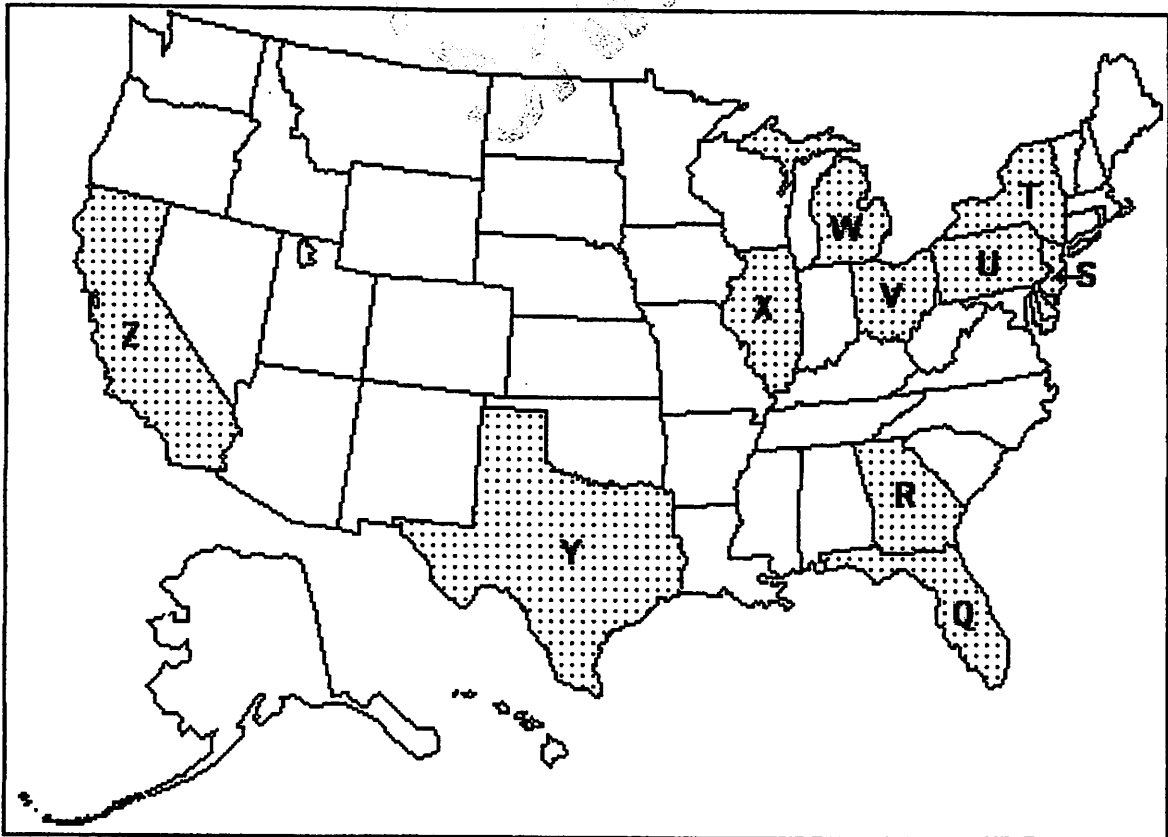
## GRADES 5 AND 6

**Directions:** Choose the best answer to the question or the best word or phrase that completes the statement. Write the letter of that choice next to the number on the answer sheet.

1. All of the following land masses are continents, except  
A) Antarctica.    B) Australia.    C) Europe.    D) Greenland.
2. The three states of the United States bordering the Pacific Ocean are California,  
A) Oregon, and Washington.    C) Nevada, and Idaho.  
B) Oregon, and Idaho.    D) Washington, and Wyoming.
3. Which state is correctly matched with its capital city?  
A) Ohio - Cleveland  
B) Oregon - Salem  
C) Florida - Miami  
D) Pennsylvania - Philadelphia
4. Which river flows into the Mississippi River?  
A) Rio Grande    B) Colorado    C) Ohio    D) Columbia
5. A river that flows into and becomes part of a larger river is a  
A) tributary.    B) delta.    C) strait.    D) canal.
6. All of the following provinces of Canada have coasts on the Atlantic Ocean, except  
A) Quebec.    C) Newfoundland.  
B) Ontario.    D) New Brunswick.

Directions: Use the MAP of the United States below and your knowledge of social studies to answer questions 7-10.

The Ten States with the Largest Populations, 1999



7. Which state currently has the largest population of all the states?
  - A) state Q
  - B) state T
  - C) state Y
  - D) state Z
  
8. States V, W, and X, the three states in the Midwest with large populations, are
  - A) Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.
  - B) Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin.
  - C) Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois.
  - D) Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

9. Which state had the largest population of all the states for most of United States history from 1810 until 1970?
- A) state Q      B) state T      C) state U      D) state Y
10. State R, the 8<sup>th</sup> largest state and one of the fastest growing states, is
- A) Georgia.                      C) Alabama.  
B) South Carolina.              D) Louisiana.
11. In 1999 the Canadian government established a self-governing region called Nunavut for the Inuit people who are more commonly known as
- A) Yukons.                      C) French-Canadians.  
B) Voyageurs.                  D) Eskimos.
12. Which state is not one of the original thirteen colonies of the United States?
- A) Delaware.                      C) Georgia.  
B) Florida.                        D) New Hampshire.
13. If you want to know the results of the year 2000 census for your state you would look in
- A) an atlas.                      C) a gazetteer.  
B) an almanac.                  D) your social studies textbook.
14. Which nation in North America has the most tundra?
- A) the United States              C) Mexico  
B) Cuba                              D) Canada
15. Which city has the largest number of degrees of longitude?
- A) New York                      C) Chicago  
B) Dallas                            D) San Francisco

Directions: Use the READING SELECTION below about Native American Indians and your knowledge of social studies to answer questions 16-19.

Native American Indians respected the spiritual powers and wisdom of medicine men. Some medicine men were healers, others were seers, and some were both. The healers were asked to cure the sick and remove arrows from wounded warriors. Native Americans believed that seers could look into the future to predict what would happen to a hunting party or a war party. Medicine men were believed to have supernatural powers received from a "dream person" who appeared to them in a vision or a dream. The dream person told medicine men what plants and herbs to use and what songs to sing in healing ceremonies. Medicine men received their visions through fasting and prayer, often in isolation from the rest of the tribe.

Because he was in touch with the supernatural, a medicine man was consulted for many reasons. A good medicine man became wealthy from fees paid for his service. When food was scarce, people asked the medicine man where they should look for game. After fasting, the medicine man would paint himself, take up his drum or rattle, sing songs, and look into the fire for a vision. He would then tell tribal leaders how far the hunting party should travel and in which direction. To cure some illnesses the medicine man brewed a tea of tree bark or plant leaves or mixed powdered herbs with water. Wounds, swellings, and rashes were treated with pastes made of herbs mixed with animal fat. Boys in training to become medicine men developed their skills through long periods of apprenticeship to older medicine men.

16. Which is the best title for this selection?

- A) Tribal Life of Native American Indians
- B) The Training of American Indian Medicine Men
- C) The Roles of American Indian Medicine Men
- D) The Supernatural in American Indian Tribal Life

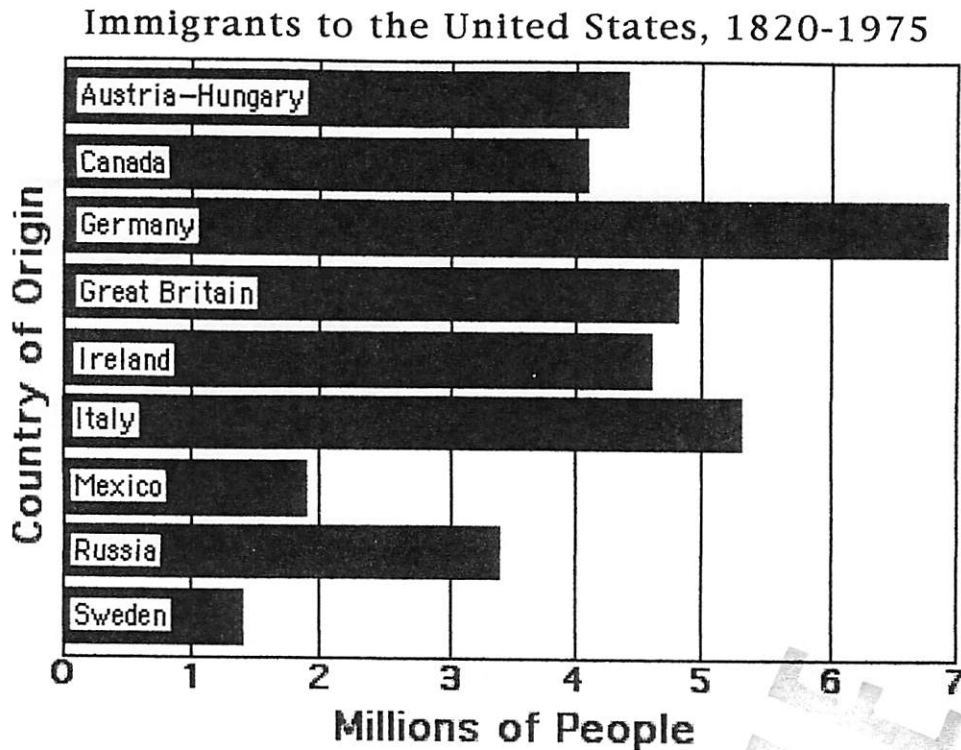
17. The medicine man in Native American Indian tribal life was a
- A) chief of the tribe.
  - B) leader of a war party.
  - C) priest of the Indian religion.
  - D) healer and prophet.
18. The medicine man offered his advice or assistance after
- A) having a vision.
  - B) reading ancient texts.
  - C) meeting with the tribal council.
  - D) conferring with other medicine men.
19. Native American Indians called upon the medicine man for assistance because they believed that he
- A) was the most intelligent and educated man in the tribe.
  - B) had been selected by the gods to live among them and offer help.
  - C) was appointed by the tribal leaders as their spiritual advisor.
  - D) had special powers to communicate with supernatural beings.
20. Denver has colder winters than Boston because it
- A) is farther north.
  - B) is on the Great Plains.
  - C) is an inland city.
  - D) has a larger population.
21. Which city in the United States has the shortest period of daylight on December 21st?
- A) Seattle
  - B) Houston
  - C) Los Angeles
  - D) Washington, D.C.
22. Locks are needed on canals to
- A) keep unauthorized ships from using the canals.
  - B) reverse the flow of water in the canals.
  - C) raise or lower ships to different water levels.
  - D) prevent undesirable fish from entering the canal system.

23. Which is one of the New England states?
- A) New York    B) Delaware    C) New Jersey    D) Connecticut
24. *This question is written in a form of writing, commonly used for book titles, called*
- A) cursive    B) italics    C) boldface    D) lower case
25. Which South American nation has a coastline along the Pacific Ocean?
- A) Bolivia    B) Brazil    C) Chile    D) Venezuela
26. Totem poles and the potlatch are part of the culture of the Native American Indians of the
- A) Eastern Woodlands.    C) Pacific Northwest.  
B) Southwest.    D) Great Plains.
27. In the following outline, which is the best entry for subtopic 2?
- A. Different Native American Indians of North America
- 1) Pueblo Indians of the Southwest  
2)  
3) Indian Nations of the Eastern Woodlands
- A) The Inca of the Andes  
B) Nomadic Tribes of the Great Plains  
C) White Settlers Invade Indian Land  
D) Longhouses, Lodges, and Teepees
28. In the 1600's, the Maryland colony was established to provide religious freedom for persecuted
- A) Quakers.    C) Roman Catholics.  
B) Puritans.    D) Jews.

29. Paul Revere helped to call the American colonists to arms before the battles at
- A) Lexington and Concord.      C) Bunker and Breed's Hill.  
B) Saratoga and Bennington.      D) Trenton and Princeton.
30. In the early 1800's the most efficient way to transport a large quantity of goods was by
- A) oxen-pulled wagons.      C) canal barges.  
B) the railroad.      D) pack animals.
31. When the President vetoes a proposed bill, it becomes law if the bill is approved again by
- A) two-thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives.  
B) the Supreme Court.  
C) a majority of the Senate and the House of Representatives.  
D) three-fourths of the state legislatures.
32. The rapid settlement of California after 1848 was stimulated by the
- A) opening of the Panama Canal.  
B) gold rush.  
C) building of the transcontinental railroad.  
D) westward movement of the Mormons.
33. In the late 1800's, the vast buffalo herds of the Great Plains were killed off primarily
- A) for their meat.  
B) to destroy the main food supply of Plains Indians.  
C) by hunters for sport.  
D) for their hides.



Directions: Use the GRAPH below and your knowledge of social studies to answer questions 34-37.



34. Between 1820 and 1975 about how many immigrants came from Italy?
- A) about 5 million  
 B) between five and five and a half million  
 C) between five and a half and six million  
 D) about six million
35. Between 1820 and 1975 most immigrants came from
- A) Latin America.                      C) Africa.  
 B) Asia.                                      D) Europe.
36. About how many immigrants came to the United States from other nations in North America?
- A) 4,000,000    B) 5,000,000    C) 6,000,000    D) 7,000,000

37. What can you most clearly conclude from the information presented in the graph?
- A) Most immigrants came from Great Britain.
  - B) Most immigrants came from Germany.
  - C) The smallest number of immigrants came from Mexico.
  - D) Fewer than three million immigrants came from Russia.

38. In 2000, the Supreme Court stopped the recount in the state of \_\_\_\_\_, making George W. Bush President.

- A) Texas                      B) Florida                      C) Ohio                      D) Michigan

39. Who was President when the U.S. landed a man on the moon for the first time?

- A) Nixon                      B) Kennedy                      C) Johnson                      D) Ford

40. In 2011, Hosni Mubarak was deposed as the leader of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Iraq                      B) Syria                      C) Pakistan                      D) Egypt