



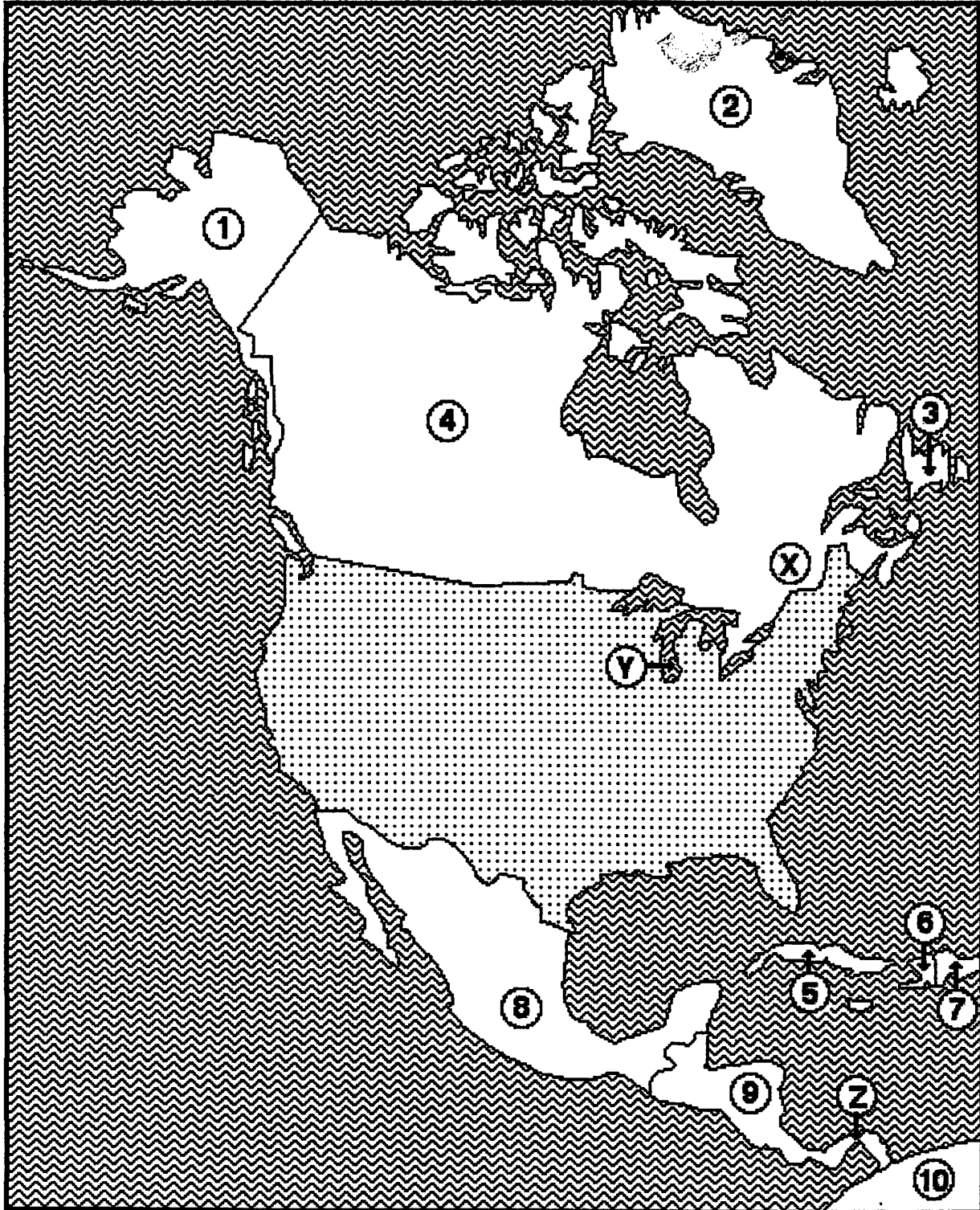
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
Grade 7 - Grade 8 - Grade 9 Contest

- ANSWER KEY -

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| 1. <u> C </u> | 26. <u> A </u> |
| 2. <u> A </u> | 27. <u> B </u> |
| 3. <u> D </u> | 28. <u> C </u> |
| 4. <u> C </u> | 29. <u> A </u> |
| 5. <u> B </u> | 30. <u> D </u> |
| 6. <u> A </u> | 31. <u> C </u> |
| 7. <u> C </u> | 32. <u> C </u> |
| 8. <u> D </u> | 33. <u> A </u> |
| 9. <u> B </u> | 34. <u> B </u> |
| 10. <u> B </u> | 35. <u> B </u> |
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| 17. <u> C </u> | 42. <u> A </u> |
| 18. <u> B </u> | 43. <u> C </u> |
| 19. <u> A </u> | 44. <u> B </u> |
| 20. <u> B </u> | 45. <u> B </u> |
| 21. <u> D </u> | 46. <u> D </u> |
| 22. <u> C </u> | 47. <u> B </u> |
| 23. <u> A </u> | 48. <u> C </u> |
| 24. <u> B </u> | 49. <u> D </u> |
| 25. <u> C </u> | 50. <u> A </u> |

Directions: Use the MAP of North America below and your knowledge of social studies to answer questions 6-11



6. The  shaded part of the map shows the 48 states of the United States with common borders. What other marked region on the map is part of the United States?
- A) region 1 B) region 3 C) region 5 D) region 7
7. The letter X in nation 4 on the map marks one of the few regions of North America where the dominant language spoken is
- A) Spanish. B) German. C) French. D) Russian.
8. The letter Y on the map points to which of the Great Lakes?
- A) Superior B) Huron C) Erie D) Michigan
9. As well as the United States, another nation in the Western Hemisphere where English is the language spoken by most people is
- A) region 2. B) region 4. C) region 5. D) region 8.
10. The ancient Aztec Indian empire conquered by Cortes in the early 1500's was located in
- A) region 5. B) region 8. C) region 9. D) region 10.
11. The letter Z marks the site of
- A) Guantanamo Bay, a United States naval base.
 B) a United States colony.
 C) the Panama Canal.
 D) a colony of Spain.
12. If city A is at latitude 30 degrees north and city B is at latitude 60 degrees north, then all of the following statements are true, except
- A) city B is farther north than city A.
 B) both cities are in the North Temperate climate zone.
 C) city B is above the Arctic Circle, but city A is not.
 D) both cities are north of the Equator.

13. If it is 5 P.M. in Washington, D.C. what time is it in Seattle?
- A) Noon B) 2 P.M. C) 8 P.M. D) 10 P.M.
14. A strait is
- A) a narrow body of water separating two land masses.
B) the water at the opening of a bay.
C) a narrow strip of land connecting two larger land masses.
D) the land formed when silt is deposited at the mouth of a river.
15. Which Native American Indians are correctly linked with the part of what is now the United States where they lived?
- A) Sioux - Southwest C) Tlinget- Great Plains
B) Pueblo - Pacific Northwest D) Iroquois - Eastern Woodlands
16. The great city of Tenochtitlán was the ancient capital of which Native American Indian empire?
- A) Inca B) Navaho C) Maya D) Aztec
17. Which of the following statements about the Vikings in North America is a fact, not opinion?
- A) No other Europeans reached North America before the Vikings.
B) The Vikings abandoned their settlements in North America because of Indian attacks.
C) The Vikings were the first Europeans known to reach North America.
D) The Vikings explored inland as far as to the Mississippi River.
18. The ancient Inca people became skilled road builders because
- A) they were the only Native American Indians with wheeled wagons.
B) their vast empire stretched narrowly along the Andes Mountains.
C) they traded extensively with European colonies in South America.
D) their cities were separated by swamps and bogs.

19. All of the following explorers in the Western Hemisphere were commissioned by Spain, except
- A) Pedro Cabral.
 - B) Vasco de Balboa.
 - C) Ponce de León.
 - D) Francisco Pizzaro.
20. A search for the Northwest Passage led English explorers to try to
- A) sail up the Mississippi River to the Great Lakes.
 - B) sail north of the North American continent to reach the Pacific Ocean.
 - C) reach Asia by sailing north of Scandinavia and Russia.
 - D) travel by canoe from the St. Lawrence River to reach the Pacific Ocean.
21. The first French settlers in North America came primarily to
- A) establish farming communities.
 - B) capture Indians for the slave trade.
 - C) search for gold.
 - D) trap animals for their fur.
22. Many Europeans came to the English colonies as indentured servants because
- A) their parents sent them to learn a trade.
 - B) they were employed by wealthy merchants who brought them to the colonies.
 - C) they were too poor to pay for the ship fare to the colonies.
 - D) they were criminals sentenced to work as slaves in the colonies.
23. In New England colonial communities, the town common was land at the center of town owned by the
- A) town residents as a grazing area for their animals.
 - B) church for outdoor services.
 - C) British government for soldiers to parade.
 - D) merchants for markets and fairs.

27. Which statement is most likely incorrect according to the data presented and your knowledge of the trans-Atlantic slave trade?
- A) Most of the Dutch slave trade was probably conducted to provide the Netherlands colonies with slaves.
 - B) The number of slaves transported and delivered is the same as the number of Africans captured in Africa for the slave trade.
 - C) Other slave trading nations supplied the Spanish Empire with many of its slaves.
 - D) The charts can't be used to determine how many slaves were transported to the United States after the Revolutionary War.
28. The Boston Massacre became one of the first acts of violence in the colonial protest against British rule when
- A) the British killed colonists in retaliation for the Boston Tea Party.
 - B) colonists tried to take over a British fort.
 - C) British soldiers fired into a crowd of colonists taunting them.
 - D) colonists protested the execution of Crispus Attucks.
29. The British admitted defeat in the Revolutionary War when
- A) General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown.
 - B) George Washington made prisoners of Hessian mercenaries.
 - C) General Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga.
 - D) France allied with the United States by declaring war on Britain.
30. The members of the United States Cabinet are part of the
- A) electoral college.
 - B) legislative branch.
 - C) judicial branch.
 - D) executive branch.
31. A President who is impeached is formally charged with wrong-doing by a majority of the
- A) Supreme Court.
 - B) Senate.
 - C) House of Representatives.
 - D) state governors.

Directions: Use the READING SELECTION below and your knowledge of social studies to answer questions 32 - 35.

PATRICK HENRY'S "THE WAR IS INEVITABLE SPEECH", MARCH 1775

They tell us that we are weak -- unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But, when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by inaction? We are not weak, if we make proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power.

Three million people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and as such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Beside, we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of Nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle is not to the strong alone. It is to the vigilant, the active, and the brave. Besides, it is too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable, and let it come! I repeat, let it come!

Gentlemen may cry Peace! Peace! , but there is no peace. The war is actually begun. The next gale that sweeps from the North will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

32. Patrick Henry claimed that the cause of the colonists against Great Britain would be supported by

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| A) the Indians. | C) God. |
| B) Canada. | D) Spain. |

33. Patrick Henry's speech was designed to
- A) rally the colonists to fight against the British.
 - B) encourage other nations to support the colonists by declaring war on Great Britain.
 - C) convince the British to give in to the colonists' demands.
 - D) seek a peaceful resolution of the conflict between the colonists and Great Britain.
34. This type of speaking or writing could best be described as
- A) restrained.
 - B) passionate.
 - C) irrational.
 - D) temperate.
35. When Patrick Henry speaks in paragraph 2 of the "chains forged and clanking in Boston," he most likely refers to the
- A) Boston Massacre during which five colonists were killed by British troops.
 - B) Intolerable Acts that closed the port of Boston and limited self-government in Massachusetts.
 - C) Boston Tea Party during which colonists destroyed tea imported by the British.
 - D) The battles of Concord, Lexington, and Bunker Hill between colonists and British forces.
36. Legal immigrants to the United States are entitled to the same rights enjoyed by citizens, except the
- A) right to serve in the Armed Forces.
 - B) protections of the Bill of Rights.
 - C) right to vote.
 - D) right to own property.

37. Which is the correct pairing of the first President inaugurated in the 19th century with the first President inaugurated in the 20th century?
- A) John Adams - Theodore Roosevelt
 - B) Thomas Jefferson - William McKinley
 - C) John Adams - Grover Cleveland
 - D) Thomas Jefferson - Benjamin Harrison
38. The Monroe Doctrine was established by the United States to
- A) protect the independence of new republics in Latin America.
 - B) encourage easterners to become pioneers in the West.
 - C) force Great Britain to grant Canada its independence.
 - D) end the slave trade between Africa and the Western Hemisphere.
39. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony were early leaders in the movement to
- A) limit immigration to the United States.
 - B) repeal laws making abortions illegal.
 - C) provide more humane treatment in prisons and insane asylums.
 - D) gain equal rights for women.
40. The state that was an independent republic for nine years before it was admitted to the Union as the 28th state in 1845 is
- A) Florida.
 - B) Maine.
 - C) Oregon.
 - D) Texas.
41. Which of the following statements is an opinion, not a fact, about the Civil War?
- A) The Union had a larger population than the Confederacy.
 - B) African Americans volunteered to serve in the Union army.
 - C) Soldiers of the Confederacy were better trained and more daring.
 - D) The Confederacy had fewer industries than the Union.

42. Which inventor is correctly matched with his technological achievement?
- A) Alexander Graham Bell - telephone
 - B) Thomas Edison - sewing machine
 - C) Elias Howe - cotton gin
 - D) Eli Whitney - electric light bulb
43. Northern whites who moved to the South after the Civil War to take advantage of the social and economic changes during Reconstruction were called
- A) scalawags.
 - B) sharecroppers.
 - C) carpetbaggers.
 - D) free soilers.
44. The United States went to war against the Central Powers in World War I because Germany
- A) declared war on the United States.
 - B) resumed sending submarines to sink merchant ships.
 - C) invaded neutral Belgium and Netherlands.
 - D) helped Communists take control of Russia.
45. The Great Depression that began in 1929 was a time of
- A) severe climate changes and natural disasters.
 - B) high unemployment and lower factory production.
 - C) increased air and water pollution.
 - D) ethnic and racial disturbances in urban areas.

46. The Affordable Care Act was the signature piece of legislation for which president?
- A) Franklin D. Roosevelt
B) Bill Clinton
C) George W. Bush
D) Barack Obama
47. In 2005 which American city was devastated by Hurricane Katrina?
- A) Houston
B) New Orleans
C) Tampa
D) Miami
48. In the late 1980's, _____ collapsed and broke into a federation.
- A) Mexico
B) Lebanon
C) the Soviet Union
D) Iraq
49. Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954 was a Supreme Court decision involving
- A) health care.
B) climate change.
C) deregulation of the banking system.
D) desegregation in the public schools.
50. After September 11, 2001, the United States fought two wars for most of the next decade in _____.
- A) Iraq and Afghanistan
B) Syria and Lebanon
C) Iraq and Iran
D) Libya and Egypt