

How many states existed when the United States became a country?

- A. Nobody knows for sure, but historians believe there were at least 4
- B. 11
- C. 13**
- D. 50

What major river begins in northern Minnesota and stretches all the way to the Gulf of Mexico?

- A. The Kennebec River
- B. The Amazon River
- C. The Colorado River
- D. The Mississippi River**

When did humans first settle in what we now call the United States?

- A. Humans evolved in North America over 22 million years ago.
- B. We know humans already lived in North America 15,000 years ago, but it's possible humans lived here even earlier than that.**
- C. Historians think that humans first came to the Americas in the 1400s to escape the Black Death.
- D. Humans first came to North America when airplanes were invented in 1903.

There were an estimated 50 million bison in North America in 1800. How many bison were there in North America in 1890?

- A. 55 million
- B. 5 million
- C. 500**
- D. None. By that time they had evolved into pigeons.

How did the Cherokee people come to live in what is now Oklahoma when they used to live in the southeastern part of the continent?

- A. They were forcibly marched there by the United States military after the "Indian Removal Act" was passed in 1830.**
- B. The Cherokee discovered gold in the Georgia and used the money to buy land in Oklahoma.
- C. The Cherokee leader, Yonaguska, won the land of Oklahoma for his people in a card game.
- D. They fled to Oklahoma to avoid the violence of the Civil War.

How did explorers travel through North America during the 1800s?

- A. Early explorers had to use horses and wagons to travel into the unexplored regions of the U.S.
- B. Most explorers used hot air balloons, just as Lewis and Clark did in 1804.
- C. The safest way to travel was by digging a tunnel underground to avoid the endermen who lived on the surface.
- D. Most North American explorers during the 1800s used routes that Native Americans had been traveling and marking for centuries.**

What war was fought between the Union (north) and Confederacy (south) in the United States from 1861 to 1865?

- A. World War I
- B. The Aroostook War
- C. The War of 1812
- D. The Civil War**

The month before the 1860 election, Governor Gist of South Carolina wrote that his state would secede (no longer be a part of) the United States if Abraham Lincoln was elected. What was the governor worried about?

- A. That the spread of slavery to the western states would be prevented, making slavery more likely to be made illegal throughout the entire U.S.**
- B. That the German relatives of Abraham Lincoln would learn state secrets from him
- C. That Abraham Lincoln would rename South Carolina as "North Georgia"
- D. That southern states would be taxed more than northern states.

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Which state was an independent country before it became a part of the United States?

- A. Alaska
- B. Texas**
- C. Florida
- D. Mexico

During the Revolutionary War, who were the "Americans" fighting against?

- A. Great Britain**
- B. France
- C. Bigfoot
- D. India

How much did the United States pay France for the Louisiana Territory in 1803?

- A. 50 million dollars
- B. A handful of peppermints and several boxes of vintage baseball cards
- C. \$100 per acre
- D. 15 million dollars**

What was the Homestead Act of 1862?

- A. A law that allowed U.S. citizens to claim tracts of land in the west for free as long as they lived there for five years and farmed or built on the land**
- B. A law that made Homeschooling legal throughout the country
- C. The Third Act of the famous 1862 play, Honey, I Shrunk the Union
- D. A law that required male homesteaders west of the Mississippi to serve three years in the United States military

In which territory was gold discovered, sparking the Gold Rush of 1849?

- A. Terry Tory Territory
- B. Texas Territory
- C. California Territory**
- D. Northern Michigan Territory

The population of the United States was around 5 million people in 1800. What was the population a century later in 1900?

- A. 5 million
- B. 19 million
- C. 23 million
- D. 76 million**

What did the Gadsden Purchase give the United States?

- A. The Oregon Territory
- B. Land in modern-day southern Arizona and New Mexico**
- C. Approximately 40,000 acres of island land in the Pacific Ocean
- D. The entire moon

What sent a wave of Irish immigrants into the United States in the 1840s and 1850s?

- A. The Bubonic Plague
- B. The British Invasion
- C. The Irish Potato Famine**
- D. The election of Abraham Lincoln

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What major construction project was started during the Civil War and finished in 1869?

- A. The Pacific Railroad (first “transcontinental” railroad)**
- B. The Erie Canal
- C. The Hoover Dam
- D. The World’s Largest Ball of Twine

What group of people faced severe discrimination in the United States, despite making up a tenth of California’s population by 1880?

- A. Russian Immigrants
- B. Chinese Immigrants**
- C. Polish Immigrants
- D. Canadian Immigrants

Where did the Klondike gold rush of the late 1890s take place?

- A. Mexico
- B. Alabama
- C. California
- D. Alaska**

San Francisco was a small town of only about 1,000 residents when gold was discovered in California in 1848. How many people lived in San Francisco by the end of 1849?

- A. 6,000
- B. 10,000
- C. 10,001
- D. 25,000**

Despite having signed the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie, which said the Black Hills belonged to the Lakota, the United States invaded the Black Hills in 1874. Why?

- A. There were reports of gold in the Black Hills**
- B. There were rumors that some Lakota were harboring former soldiers who deserted during the Civil War.
- C. A group of Lakota warriors attacked the town of Pierre, South Dakota.
- D. General Custer got lost and accidentally led his troops into the Black Hills

What was the name of the idea that the United States should and would eventually stretch from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean?

- A. The Western Future
- B. Mormonism
- C. Manifest Destiny**
- D. Sea to Shining Sea

Who did Thomas Jefferson hire to lead an expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory?

- A. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark**
- B. Edward Stark and Harry Poppin
- C. Andrew Jackson
- D. Sharkboy and Lavagirl

Who did the United States fight in the War of 1812?

- A. The Wabanaki Confederacy
- B. Rodents of Unusual Size
- C. Italy
- D. United Kingdom**

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The Pony Express was a route for mail carriers that stretched from Missouri to what other state?

- A. Washington
- B. North Georgia
- C. New York
- D. California**

What piece of land did Spain sign over to the United States in the Spanish Cession of 1819?

- A. Florida**
- B. Louisiana Territory
- C. Texas
- D. Antarctica

What famous man made waterway stretched between the Great Lakes and the Hudson River (which led to the Atlantic Ocean)?

- A. Panama Canal
- B. Skaree Canal
- C. Erie Canal**
- D. Spooky Canal

Who was the first state to secede (leave) from the United States during the Civil War?

- A. South Carolina**
- B. Texas
- C. Alabama
- D. Nova Scotia

What state was divided into two during the Civil War?

- A. North Georgia was divided into Georgia and South Carolina
- B. Virginia was divided into Virginia and West Virginia**
- C. Dakota was divided into East Dakota and West Dakota
- D. Michigan was divided into Michigan and Minnesota

12,000 Mormons famously migrated to what territory in the 1840s?

- A. Oregon Territory
- B. Madagascar
- C. Utah Territory**
- D. Wyoming Territory

What major land purchase occurred in 1867?

- A. Alaska Purchase**
- B. Louisiana Purchase
- C. California Purchase
- D. Disneyland Purchase

During what war were the lyrics to the National Anthem written?

- A. Wuddiset Goodfore War
- B. Revolutionary War
- C. Civil War
- D. War of 1812**

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