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UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1865

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SAMPLE

In the mid-1800s, a gold rush led many people to move to —

- A** Texas
- B** Kansas
- C** California
- D** Louisiana

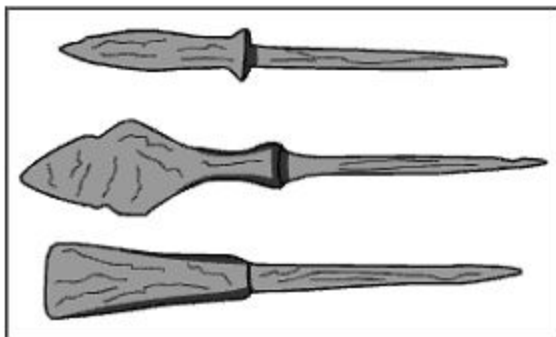
Cactus Hill



This map shows the location of an important discovery about the —

- A site of the Kwakiutl homeland
- B early humans in North America
- C first settlement in Jamestown
- D early trading markets with Europe

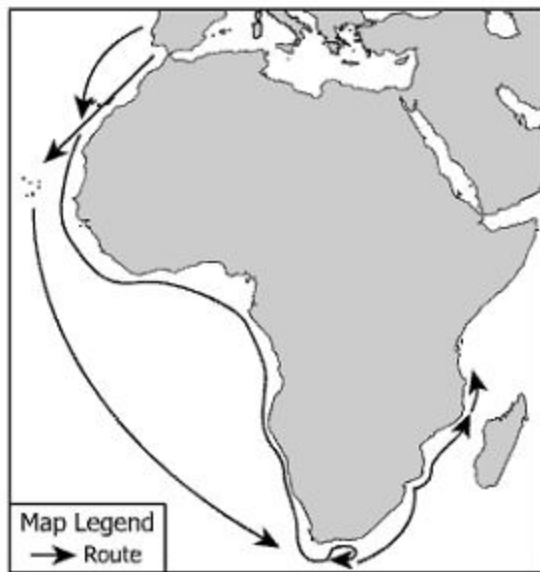
Ancient Artifacts



Which person would most likely study these artifacts?

- A Biologist
- B Archaeologist
- C Geologist
- D Chemist

Africa



Which country sent explorers along the routes on this map?

- A** France
- B** England
- C** Spain
- D** Portugal

French explorers cooperated with American Indians by —

- A** becoming large landowners
- B** adopting foreign religions
- C** sharing farming techniques
- D** establishing trading posts

The primary reason the Quakers settled in Pennsylvania was to —

- A** find gold deposits
- B** escape debtor's prison
- C** practice religion freely
- D** avoid paying taxes

Barrel Maker



This picture shows a job most likely being done by a —

- A colonial artisan
- B local legislator
- C colonial governor
- D large landowner



Which number best represents the Battle of Yorktown?

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

Which attitude helped the colonists win the American Revolution?

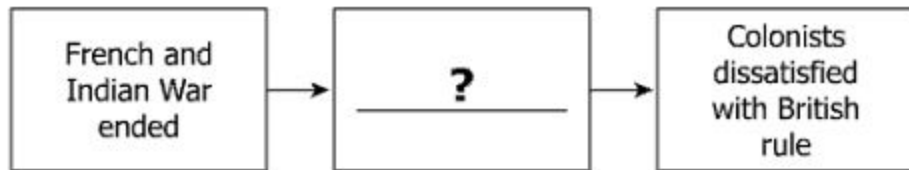
- A** I care most about having peace.
- B** I am always loyal to the king.
- C** I need to protect my own land.
- D** I am hoping to move to the city.

The speech which included the statement "Give me liberty or give me death" was made to —

- A warn the British government
- B oppose the slave trade
- C inspire colonial patriotism
- D encourage French support

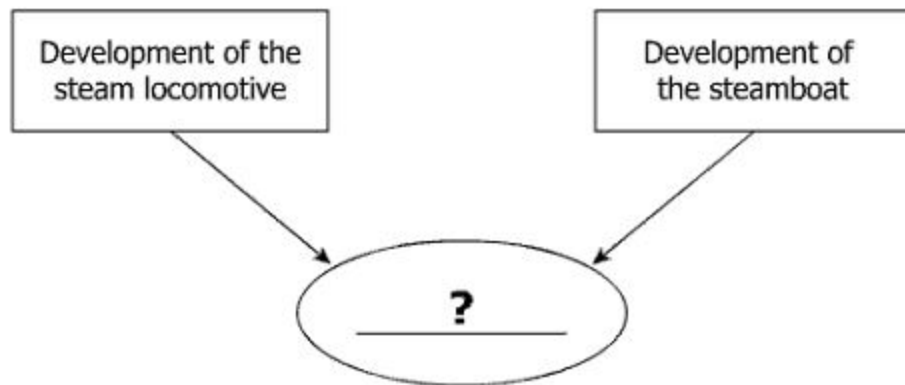
Lewis and Clark's expedition was the result of actions taken by —

- A** George Washington
- B** John Adams
- C** Thomas Jefferson
- D** James Madison



Which event best completes this diagram?

- A** Taxes imposed on the colonists
- B** Taxes placed on British soldiers
- C** Taxation opposed by British merchants
- D** Taxation controlled by the colonists

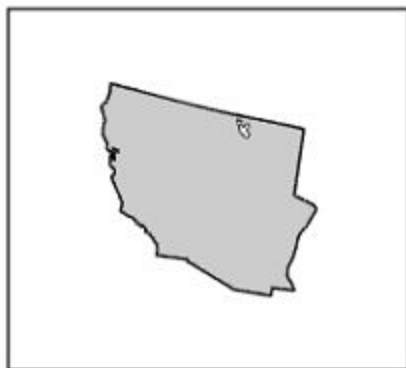


Which effect completes this diagram?

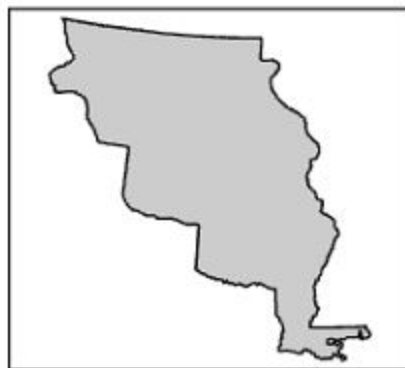
- A** Delivered raw materials to factories
- B** Increased need for slave labor
- C** Assisted in reform of labor laws
- D** Increased production of cotton

Which territory existed as an independent republic before becoming a state?

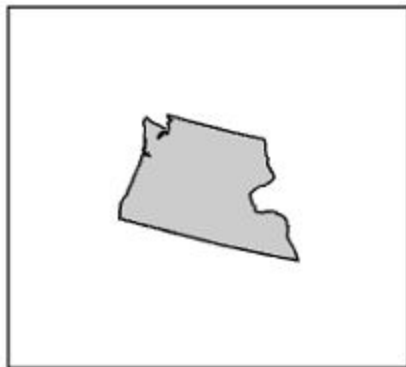
A



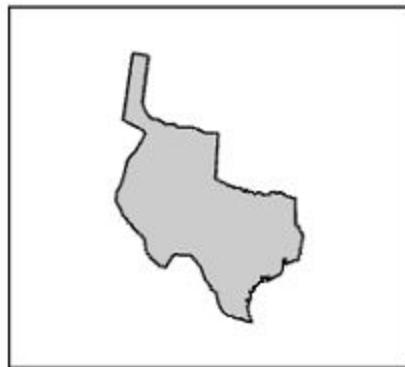
C



B



D



- Missouri Compromise
- _____?
- Kansas-Nebraska Act

Which action best completes this list?

- A** Compromise of 1850
- B** Monroe Doctrine
- C** Tariff of 1832
- D** Great Compromise

Robert E. Lee refused to take command of the Union forces during the Civil War because he —

- A** believed the South would form a new country
- B** thought Ulysses S. Grant would make a better general
- C** would not fight against his home state
- D** did not think it would pay him enough

Before the Civil War, the North supported tariffs in order to —

- A** pay the cost of transporting runaway slaves
- B** pressure Britain into buying American cotton crops
- C** protect factory owners from foreign competitors
- D** prevent families in the South from receiving goods

After the Civil War, Confederate currency was —

- A** safe in Southern banks
- B** used until it wore out
- C** traded for United States dollars
- D** worthless in economic value

- Served as Union Naval Captain
- Decorated for heroism
- Served as Congressman following the Civil War

Which person is described by this list?

- A** John Brown
- B** Frederick Douglass
- C** John Paul Jones
- D** Robert Smalls

Statue of Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson



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This statue was built to honor Jackson because he was —

- A** the leader of the Army of Northern Virginia
- B** a skilled Confederate general
- C** the commander at the Battle of Vicksburg
- D** a famous Union soldier

Passage Around Cape Horn



Which ocean did ships enter after rounding Cape Horn when sailing from New York to San Francisco?

- A** Arctic
- B** Pacific
- C** Indian
- D** Atlantic

The Continental Divide is a part of the —

- A** Sierra Nevada
- B** Coastal Range
- C** Rocky Mountains
- D** Appalachian Highlands

Eastern United States



Which river was used to transport goods and settlers into the darker-shaded state on this map?

- A Missouri
- B James
- C Arkansas
- D Ohio



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This geographic feature is a —

- A** plateau
- B** mountain
- C** glacier
- D** plain

Which American Indians lived in eastern North America?

- A** Iroquois
- B** Kwakiutl
- C** Inuit
- D** Lakota

Which map correctly shows the Basin and Range region?

A



C



B



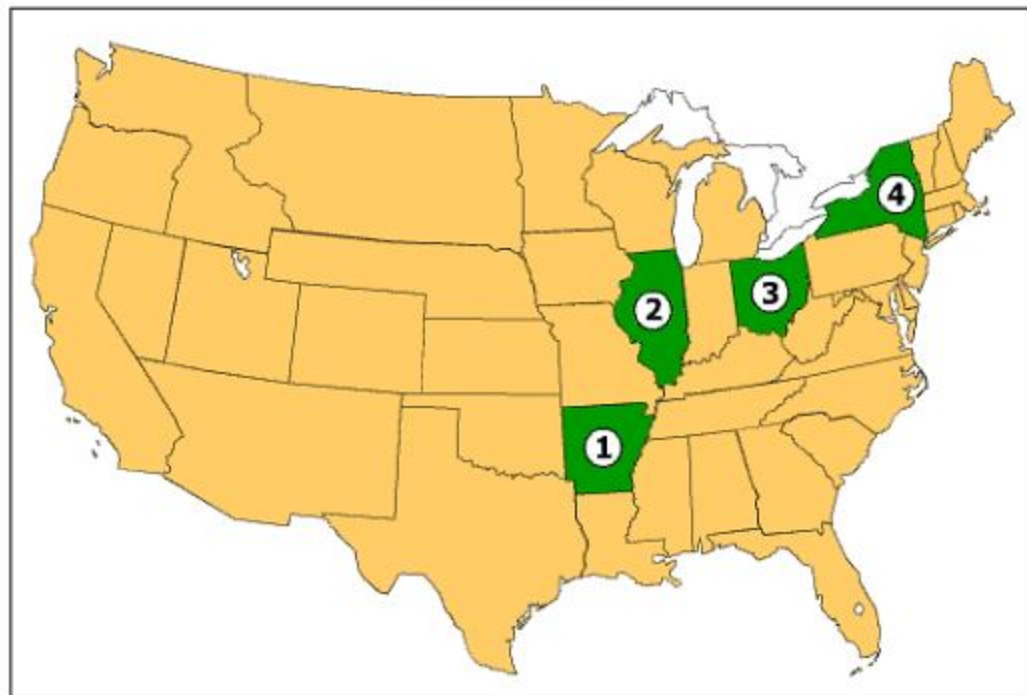
D



Which two continents are described as parts of a single landmass?

- A** Europe and Africa
- B** Asia and Africa
- C** Europe and Asia
- D** Australia and Antarctica

The Civil War



Which state seceded from the Union?

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

Which product was most associated with the Southern colonies?

- A** Livestock
- B** Fish
- C** Grain
- D** Tobacco

- People have natural rights
- Governments were formed to protect those rights
- People have a duty to change governments that violate these rights

Which document contains these philosophies?

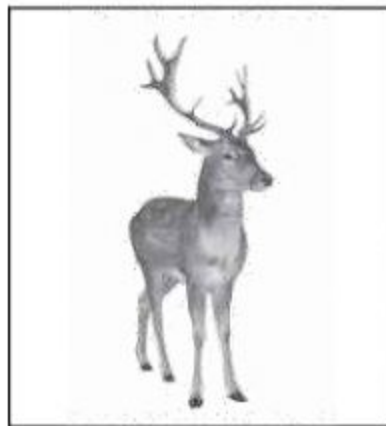
- A** Intolerable Acts
- B** Mayflower Compact
- C** Proclamation of 1763
- D** Declaration of Independence

Which picture shows a capital resource used by American Indians?

A



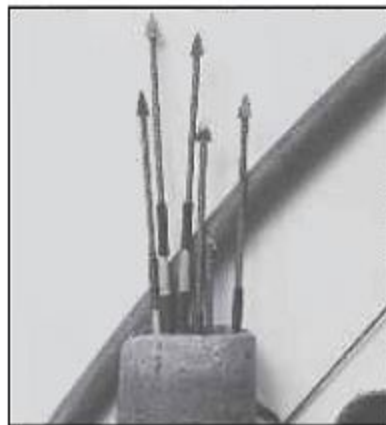
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Citizen 1: In Virginia, for our large number of people, we have only one vote in the legislature.

Citizen 2: That is the fairest form of a Congress, or the small states would be outvoted on every issue.

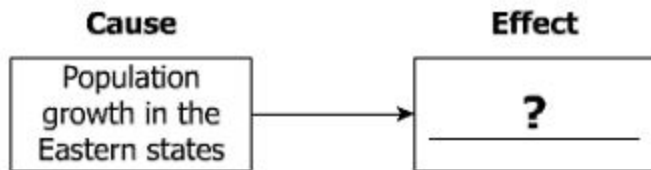
Which weakness of the Articles of Confederation does this conversation best represent?

- A** Lack of a common currency
- B** Lack of a central executive power
- C** No representation based on population
- D** No central control over national commerce



This exchange of goods between the Pennsylvania and Georgia colonies is an example of —

- A competition
- B interdependence
- C economic freedom
- D indentured servitude



Which action best completes this diagram?

- A** Increased trade with Canada
- B** Start of a war with Mexico
- C** Immigration from the European continent
- D** Expansion toward the Pacific Ocean

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Answer Key

Sequence Number	Correct Answer	Reporting Category	Reporting Category Description
1	B	001	Pre-Columbian Times to the 1770s
2	B	001	Pre-Columbian Times to the 1770s
3	D	001	Pre-Columbian Times to the 1770s
4	D	001	Pre-Columbian Times to the 1770s
5	C	001	Pre-Columbian Times to the 1770s
6	A	001	Pre-Columbian Times to the 1770s
7	C	002	Revolution and the New Nation
8	C	002	Revolution and the New Nation
9	C	002	Revolution and the New Nation
10	C	002	Revolution and the New Nation
11	A	002	Revolution and the New Nation
12	A	003	Expansion, Reform, and the Civil War
13	D	003	Expansion, Reform, and the Civil War
14	A	003	Expansion, Reform, and the Civil War
15	C	003	Expansion, Reform, and the Civil War
16	C	003	Expansion, Reform, and the Civil War
17	D	003	Expansion, Reform, and the Civil War
18	D	003	Expansion, Reform, and the Civil War
19	B	003	Expansion, Reform, and the Civil War
20	B	004	Geography
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24	A	004	Geography
25	C	004	Geography
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28	D	005	Civics and Economics
29	D	005	Civics and Economics
30	D	005	Civics and Economics
31	C	005	Civics and Economics
32	B	005	Civics and Economics
33	D	005	Civics and Economics

