

American History Geographical & World Knowledge Quiz

American History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which of the following oceans borders the eastern coast of the United States?

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

2. The Louisiana Purchase in 1803, which doubled the size of the United States, involved territory acquired from which European country?

- A) Spain
- B) Great Britain
- C) Russia
- D) France**

3. The Rocky Mountains are a major mountain range located primarily in which region of North America?

- A) Eastern United States
- B) Western United States and Canada**
- C) Southeastern United States
- D) Northeastern United States

4. Which major river flows through the city of New Orleans and empties into the Gulf of Mexico?

- A) Colorado River
- B) Hudson River
- C) Mississippi River**
- D) Rio Grande

5. The original thirteen colonies of the United States were established along which coast?

- A) West Coast
- B) Gulf Coast
- C) East Coast**
- D) Pacific Northwest Coast

6. The Grand Canyon, a large and steep-sided canyon carved by the Colorado River, is located in which U.S. state?

A) California

B) Arizona

C) Texas

D) Utah

7. Which of the following countries shares a land border with the United States to the north?

A) Mexico

B) Cuba

C) Canada

D) The Bahamas

8. The Declaration of Independence, a foundational document of the United States, was signed in which city?

A) Boston

B) New York City

C) Philadelphia

D) Washington D.C.

9. The state of Alaska was purchased from which country in 1867?

A) Great Britain

B) Russia

C) France

D) Spain

10. The Great Lakes, a series of interconnected freshwater lakes, are located in which part of North America?

A) Southwestern United States

B) Central United States and Canada

C) Southeastern United States

D) Western United States

11. Which of the following is the largest state in the United States by land area?

A) Texas

B) California

C) Montana

D) Alaska

12. The Trail of Tears was a forced relocation of Native American tribes to lands west of the Mississippi River, a significant event during the presidency of which U.S. President?

- A) George Washington
- B) Thomas Jefferson
- C) Andrew Jackson**
- D) Abraham Lincoln

13. The California Gold Rush, which began in 1848, led to a massive migration to which region?

- A) The Great Plains
- B) The Appalachian Mountains
- C) The Pacific Coast**
- D) The Midwest

14. Which European explorer is credited with the first documented voyage to North America for European powers in 1492?

- A) Ferdinand Magellan
- B) Christopher Columbus**
- C) Vasco da Gama
- D) Marco Polo

15. The area known as the Dust Bowl, which suffered severe dust storms and ecological damage during the 1930s, was primarily located in which region of the United States?

- A) Northeastern United States
- B) Southeastern United States
- C) Midwestern and Southern Plains**
- D) Pacific Northwest