

American History: Geography and Global Context

American History · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. Which river served as the western boundary of the United States following the Treaty of Paris in 1783?

- A) Mississippi River
- B) Ohio River
- C) Missouri River
- D) Rio Grande

2. The 1803 Louisiana Purchase was acquired from which European nation?

- A) Spain
- B) Great Britain
- C) France
- D) Portugal

3. In 1867, the United States purchased the territory of Alaska from which country?

- A) Canada
- B) Norway
- C) Sweden
- D) Russia

4. Which mountain range acted as the primary barrier for westward expansion during the early colonial period?

- A) Sierra Nevada
- B) Appalachian Mountains
- C) Rocky Mountains
- D) Cascade Range

5. The Gadsden Purchase of 1853, which acquired land for a southern transcontinental railroad, was bought from which country?

- A) Mexico
- B) Cuba
- C) Guatemala
- D) Honduras

6. The 'Oregon Trail' ended in which present-day U.S. state?

- A) Washington
- B) California
- C) Oregon
- D) Idaho

7. Which island nation became a U.S. territory following the Spanish-American War in 1898?

- A) Jamaica
- B) Puerto Rico
- C) Haiti
- D) Bahamas

8. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 organized the territory that would eventually become which region of the United States?

- A) The Deep South
- B) The Great Plains
- C) The Midwest
- D) The Pacific Northwest

9. Which city served as the first capital of the United States under the U.S. Constitution?

- A) Philadelphia
- B) Washington, D.C.
- C) New York City
- D) Boston

10. The boundary dispute that led to the slogan '54-40 or Fight!' concerned the border of which territory?

- A) Texas
- B) California
- C) Florida
- D) Oregon

11. Which body of water was the primary supply route for the Union 'Anaconda Plan' during the American Civil War?

- A) Mississippi River
- B) Great Lakes
- C) Chesapeake Bay
- D) Gulf of Mexico

12. Which U.S. state was once an independent republic before its annexation in 1845?

- A) California
- B) Texas
- C) Hawaii
- D) Vermont

13. In 1898, the United States annexed which Pacific archipelago, later becoming the 50th state?

- A) Fiji
- B) Guam
- C) Hawaii
- D) Samoa

14. The Adams-Onís Treaty of 1819 resulted in the United States acquiring which territory from Spain?

- A) Florida
- B) Arizona
- C) New Mexico
- D) Colorado

15. Which strait separates Alaska from the easternmost point of Russia?

- A) Davis Strait
- B) Bering Strait
- C) Hudson Strait
- D) Florida Strait