

Advanced American History Challenge

American History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which 1798 legislation, signed by John Adams, criminalized the publication of 'false, scandalous, and malicious writing' against the U.S. government?

- A) The Alien Act
- B) The Sedition Act**
- C) The Naturalization Act
- D) The Embargo Act

2. In the 1857 Dred Scott v. Sandford case, the Supreme Court ruled that African Americans could not be citizens. Who was the Chief Justice who authored the majority opinion?

- A) John Marshall
- B) Roger Taney**
- C) Salmon P. Chase
- D) Morrison Waite

3. What was the primary purpose of the Dawes Act of 1887 regarding Native American land?

- A) To establish reservations
- B) To protect tribal hunting grounds
- C) To force assimilation through private land ownership**
- D) To grant full citizenship to all tribes

4. The 'Zimmermann Telegram' was a secret diplomatic communication that proposed a military alliance between Germany and which nation?

- A) Mexico**
- B) Japan
- C) Canada
- D) Brazil

5. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution formally abolished slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime?

- A) 12th Amendment
- B) 13th Amendment**
- C) 14th Amendment
- D) 15th Amendment

6. During the American Revolution, what was the significance of the Battle of Saratoga in 1777?

- A) It marked the end of the war
- B) It was a British naval victory
- C) It convinced France to formally enter the war as an American ally**
- D) It was the final battle of the conflict

7. The 'Great Migration' of the early 20th century refers to the large-scale movement of African Americans to which region of the United States?

- A) The Deep South
- B) The Pacific Northwest
- C) The Northern and Midwestern cities**
- D) The Rocky Mountain states

8. Which U.S. President issued the 'Proclamation of Neutrality' in 1793 during the conflict between France and Great Britain?

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

9. What was the 'Bonus Army' that marched on Washington D.C. in 1932 demanding?

- A) Civil rights legislation
- B) Early payment of veteran military service certificates**
- C) Immediate end to the Great Depression
- D) The repeal of Prohibition

10. Which 1944 Supreme Court case upheld the constitutionality of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II?

- A) Korematsu v. United States**
- B) Hirabayashi v. United States
- C) Ex parte Endo
- D) Yasui v. United States

11. The 'Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act' of 1883 established that federal government jobs should be awarded on what basis?

- A) Political affiliation
- B) Length of service
- C) Merit through competitive examinations**
- D) Social status

12. What was the primary outcome of the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo?

A) It ended the War of 1812

B) It ceded over 50% of Mexican territory to the United States

C) It established the border at the 49th parallel

D) It forced the French to leave North America