

U.S. Geography and Physical/Human Systems

Question 1 .



Which of the Great Lakes is labeled with the number 4 on the map?

- A. Lake Superior
- B. Lake Erie
- C. Lake Michigan
- D. Lake Ontario

Question 2 .

The North American colonies experienced a steady increase in population since the first settlement in Jamestown in 1607. By 1775, the colonies' population was around 2,500,000, and most of the colonists lived east of the Allegheny Mountains.

How did geography influence the settlement of America's first colonies?

- A. The mountains provided food and shelter to the early settlers.
- B. The mountains were hard for early settlers to cross.
- C. The mountains provided easy passage to the western part of the country.
- D. The mountains were easily crossed by the early settlers.

Question 3 .



Number 4 labels which of the following?

- A. Erie Canal
- B. Boston, Massachusetts
- C. Washington, D.C.
- D. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Question 4 .



The map above shows four cities that have been of great importance since the founding of the United States. Which number on the map represents the city of New York, the largest city in the United States?

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

Question 5 .



What is the name of the city shown as number 2 on the map above and is known by the nickname, "City of Brotherly Love"?

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

Question 6 .



Which number represents Lake Ontario on the map?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 2
- D. 5

Question 7 .



Number 4 on the map labels which region?

- A. Great Plains
- B. Atlantic Coastal Plain
- C. Rocky Mountains
- D. Canadian Shield

Question 8 .

Why did the Battle of Saratoga happen where it did?

- A. The Americans bombed British ships in the Hudson River.
- B. The Americans used the Delaware River to block the British army.
- C. The Americans used the Hudson River to block the British army.
- D. The Americans bombed British ships in the Delaware River.

Question 9 .

Why did the Plains tribes continuously move from one place to another?

- A. The Plains people liked to live in a different area during each season.
- B. The Plains tribes believed a move was necessary after the death of a tribal leader.
- C. The tribes were forced to move further east by the white settlers.
- D. Tribes followed animal herds as they went to different feeding grounds.

Question 10 .



The number 5 on the map labels which river?

- A. Mississippi River
- B. St. Lawrence River
- C. Colorado River
- D. Rio Grande

Question 11 .



Look at the map above. Which number represents the city of Boston?

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

Question 12 .

Which is an example of how colonists learned to adapt to their new environment?

- A. European colonists had enough land to build large homes near the ocean.
- B. Many colonists taught the Native American tribes how to use guns.
- C. Some colonists grew maize (corn) and tomatoes, which they never had in Europe.
- D. The colonists began to trade horses and goods with the Native American tribes.

Question 13 .



The number 4 on the map represents which body of water?

- A. Hudson Bay
- B. Gulf of Mexico
- C. Caribbean Sea
- D. Pacific Ocean

Question 14 .



What geographical feature **most** influenced the western border of the Louisiana territory in 1812?

- A. the Rocky Mountains
- B. the Pacific Ocean
- C. the Mississippi River
- D. the Columbia River

Question 15 .

"Peter took me in his boat, rowed out to a vessel not far distant, and hoisted me on board...They said I was to remain on board till near dawn, and then they would hide me in Snaky Swamp...About four o'clock, we were again seated in the boat, and rowed three miles to the swamp. My fear of snakes had been increased by the venomous bite I had received, and I dreaded to enter this hiding place. But I was in no situation to choose, and I gratefully accepted the best that my poor, persecuted friends could do for me."

—Linda Brent, a slave

Which statement **best** explains how geographic features like rivers, swamps, and forests impacted the Underground Railroad?

- A. Geographic features were used for travel and to hide people.
- B. Geographic features made slaves want to stay in the South.
- C. Geographic features created better settlements in the North.
- D. Geographic features made operating the railroad difficult.

Question 16 .



Which two areas on the map are mostly affected by the Continental Divide?

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

Question 17 .

In May, 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark started their journey to the unknown West. Their goal was to find an easy route to the Pacific. On December 5, 1805, Lewis and Clark finally reached the coast. They believed that they had found a good passage across the continent. However, wagons could not follow the path that they took. The point where Lewis and Clark crossed the Rocky Mountains, called Lolo Pass, was too rough for wagons to travel.

In 1810, a man named John Jacob Astor wanted to set up a fur-trading post at the mouth of the Columbia River. He sent his men west to set up the enterprise. During that journey, a man named Robert Stuart came across a wide, low pass through the Rockies. It was perfect for wagons to get through. This crossing became known as South Pass. A half-million immigrants eventually made their way through South Pass to settle in the West.

The physical shape of the land is called "topography." Which statement **best** describes how topography influenced exploration?

- A. Topography influenced how people traveled and where they settled.
- B. Topography only influenced where people settled and found food.
- C. Explorers paid little attention to topography and geography.
- D. Explorers worked to change the topography to best suit their needs.

Question 18 .



Which of the Great Lakes is labeled with the number 1 on the map?

- A. Lake Superior
- B. Lake Erie
- C. Lake Huron
- D. Lake Michigan

Question 19 .



Which number on the map represents the Great Plains?

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

Question 20 .



Which of the Great Lakes is labeled with the number 3 on the map?

- A. Lake Michigan
- B. Lake Erie
- C. Lake Ontario
- D. Lake Huron

Question 21 .



In which of the regions on the map above would you find the Continental Divide, the imaginary line that separates rainfall runoff to the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans?

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

Question 22 .



Which number represents Lake Michigan on the map?

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

Question 23 .

Why did the American colonists have an advantage over the British at the Battle of Lexington and Concord?

- A. The British did not have enough weapons.
- B. The British ran out of food supplies.
- C. The British had to travel many miles to fight the battle.
- D. The British did not have any good maps of the area.

Question 24 .



The path that Lewis and Clark traveled west on is marked in red. Which geographical features helped Lewis and Clark travel west across the United States?

- A. lakes
- B. rivers
- C. plains
- D. mountains