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Crash Course U.S. Government

Final Assessment Part 1 (American History)

For each question, circle the correct answers below.

1. What was one reason the colonists came to America?

- a) to fight in the Civil War
- b) Freedom
- c) to evade taxes
- d) to fight the British

2. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

- a) No one
- b) Canadians
- c) American Indians
- d) Mexicans

3. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?

- a) Canadians
- b) Mexicans
- c) American Indians
- d) Africans

4. Why did the colonists fight the British?

- a) because they didn't have self-government
- b) to free the slaves
- c) to save the Union
- d) to obtain civil rights

5. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) James Madison
- c) Benjamin Franklin
- d) George Washington

6. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

- a) July 4, 1782
- b) July 4, 1774
- c) July 4, 1776
- d) July 4, 1789

7. There were 13 original states. Name 3.

- a) New York, New Jersey, and Virginia
- b) Delaware, Maryland, and Ohio
- c) Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and Ohio
- d) Virginia, New York, and New Mexico

8. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?

- a) The Declaration of Independence was written
- b) The Emancipation Proclamation was written
- b) The Federalist Papers were written
- d) The Constitution was written

9. When was the Constitution written?

- a) 1787
- c) 1789
- b) 1774
- d) 1776

10. The Federalist papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of its writers.

- a) Abraham Lincoln
- c) John Jay
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- d) George Washington

11. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?

- a) wrote the Constitution
- c) first President of the United States
- b) U.S. Diplomat
- d) "Father of our Country"

12. Who is the "Father of our Country?"

- a) George Washington
- c) Thomas Jefferson
- b) Abraham Lincoln
- d) Benjamin Franklin

13. Who was the first President of the United States?

- a) Franklin D. Roosevelt
- c) Abraham Lincoln
- b) James Madison
- d) George Washington

14. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?

- a) Quebec
- c) Florida
- b) Louisiana
- d) Mississippi

15. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.

- a) Civil War
- c) World War II
- b) World War I
- d) Vietnam War

16. Name the U.S. war between the North and South.

- a) Korean War
- c) World War I
- b) Gulf War
- d) Civil War

17. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.

- a) sugar cane
- b) women's rights
- c) slavery
- d) civil rights

18. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?

- a) fought for civil rights
- b) signed the Emancipation Proclamation
- c) led the U. S. during World War I
- d) created Congress

19. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

- a) gave women the right to vote
- b) created jobs and gave benefits to workers
- c) freed the slaves
- d) declared independence from the British

20. What did the 19th amendment to the Constitution?

- a) freed the slaves
- b) guaranteed freedom of speech
- c) declared independence from the British
- d) gave women the right to vote

21. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.

- a) Civil War
- b) War of 1812
- c) The Mexican-American War
- d) World War I

22. Who did the United States fight against in World War II?

- a) Korea, France, and Italy
- b) Japan, Germany, and Italy
- c) Vietnam, Japan, and Germany
- d) Russia, Austria, and England

23. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?

- a) civil rights
- b) the Great Depression
- c) terrorist attacks
- d) communism

24. What major event occurred on September 11, 2001?

- a) Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf coast
- b) an economic recession began in the U.S.
- c) terrorists attacked the United States
- d) George Bush was elected president

25. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.

- a) Aborigines
- b) Maori
- c) Hawaiians
- d) Cherokee

Answers

1. b

2. c

3. d

4. a

5. a

6. c

7. a

8. d

9. a

10. c

11. b

12. a

13. d

14. b

15. a

16. d

17. c

18. b

19. c

20. d

21. d

22. b

23. d

24. c

25. d