

AP U.S. History Period 1: Unit – 1- 1491-1607 Practice Test

Question 1:

Read the excerpt and answer the question below.

"Closer to the center of European society, armed enterprise by one sovereign was sure to provoke a countereffort by rivals; and only rarely could a ruler conquer territories from which important tax income could be garnered. The success of the Spanish government in fashioning a vast empire in the Americas and its failure to maintain control over the Netherlands illustrate these facts very clearly. Spanish military effort in the New World paid off handsomely. Indeed it was the swelling flow of New World silver after the 1550s that made Philip think he could conduct war both in the Mediterranean against the Turks and in the north against the Dutch."

-Source: William H. McNeill, historian, *The Pursuit of Power: Technology, Armed Force, and Society since A.D. 1000*, 1982

The conflict described in the excerpt is most similar to conflict in what other period?

- A. the Seven Years' War (French and Indian War), when the French and British battles in North America led to war in Europe
- B. the Civil War, when sectional tensions over slavery led southern states to secede from the Union
- C. the Revolutionary War, when the colonists revolted against the British crown to establish their own government
- D. the War of 1812, when Federalists' opposition to the conflict led to the destruction of their political party

Question 2:

What was the joint stock company that ran the colonies in New Amsterdam and Fort Orange?

- A. Virginia Company
- B. British East India Company
- C. Plymouth Company
- D. Dutch West India Company

Question 3:

Which of the following is NOT true of mercantilism?

- A. economic philosophy that colonies existed to serve the mother country
- B. founded on the belief that the world's wealth was limited and that one nation's gain was another's loss
- C. Each nation's goal was to import as many products as possible
- D. economic activity should be regulated by the government

Question 4:

Read the passage below and answer the question.

“There were four chiefs: Mr. Bear, Cougar, Bald Eagle, and Salmon. They met to try to figure out what it was that they were going to do. They knew of a place where there were many salmon. This would be the best thing of the coming people. It would keep them strong and healthy; besides, it would taste so good! But there was a problem. The salmon were being held way up river by a dam and were being guarded by some women, who when crossed would stop at nothing to destroy anything that got in the way of keeping their salmon and doing their work.”

-Native American legend recorded by Martin Louie and Diana Brooks. Published in *Wicazo Sa Review*, 1990.

Based on passage, in which region of North America do you think the Native American people who told this legend lived?

- A. the Pacific Northwest
- B. the Great Plains
- C. the Southwest
- D. the Northeast

Question 5:

Which of the following factors best explains why Native American efforts to unite were rare?

- A. most tribes were isolated from each other
- B. Europeans discouraged tribes from uniting
- C. tribes had traditions of independence
- D. People had different foods and cultures

Question 6:

The activities of Coronado and other Spanish and Portuguese explorers in the Americas in the 16th century primarily depended on the support of

- A. merchants and fur traders
- B. the Catholic Church
- C. the monarchs
- D. enslaved Europeans

Question 7:

Which of the following was NOT a Native Indian tribe from Central and South America?

- A. Hohokam
- B. Aztec
- C. Maya
- D. Inca

Question 8:

Which of the following social and demographic changes did occur in the Western Hemisphere after the arrival of Europeans in the 16th century?

- A. deadly diseases killed thousands
- B. emergence of racially mixed populations
- C. a new hierarchy created by intermixture of African Americans, Spanish settlers, and Native Americans
- D. All of the above

Question 9:

In the economies of the Spanish colonies, Indian labor, used in this system to support plantation-based agriculture and extract precious metals and other resources.

- A. Mercantilism
- B. crop rotation
- C. capitalism
- D. encomienda

Question 10:

Which European dissented from the views of most Europeans towards Native Americans and became an advocate for better treatment of Indians?

- A. Hernando de Soto
- B. Bartolome de la Casas
- C. Henry Hudson
- D. Juan Ponce De Leon

Question 11:

Which of the following groups were the authors of the Maryland Act of Toleration trying to protect?

- A. Jews
- B. Puritans
- C. Roman Catholics
- D. Quakers

Question 12:

Bacon's Rebellion was initiated by a group of farmers who felt most directly threatened by

- A. an increase in royal taxes
- B. conflicts with American Indians
- C. the power of large planters
- D. the growth of the slave trade

Question 13:

Which of the following groups in the colonies in the late 17th century would be most critical of John Locke's ideas as well as others of the Enlightenment?

- A. slave owners
- B. merchants
- C. church leaders
- D. women

Question 14:

The Marbury v. Madison decision

- A. gave powers to the president that the Republicans of Thomas Jefferson claimed he didn't have
- B. established the principle of judicial review
- C. gave broad judicial power to the state courts
- D. declared that the Alien and Sedition Acts were constitutional

Question 15:

Which of the following was a long-term effect of the jury's decision in the John Peter Zenger case?

- A. Zenger became a colonial leader
- B. The colonial press became more willing to criticize the British
- C. Restrictions on free press increased
- D. New York became the center of anti-British sentiments

Question 16:

The post-war "baby boom" was strongly influenced by

- A. Very high employment rates
- B. General prosperity
- C. Americans making more money than ever before
- D. All of the above

Question 17:

What group funded the court challenges to segregation in the 1950s?

- A. ACLU
- B. NAACP
- C. Congress
- D. KKK

Question 18:

The political party of the era that supported nativist policies was the

- A. Know-Nothing Party
- B. Free-Soil Party
- C. Democratic Party
- D. Whig Party

Question 19:

"New Immigrants" that came to the United States in the early 1900s were from which part of Europe?

- A. South Europe
- B. NE Europe
- C. SE Europe
- D. SW Europe

Question 20:

Whom of the following was murdered and displayed in an open casket?

- A. Thurgood Marshall
- B. Homer Plessy
- C. Emmet Till
- D. Rosa Parks

Answer Key:

1. A
2. D
3. C

4. A
5. C
6. C
7. A
8. D
9. D
10. B
11. C
12. B
13. A
14. B
15. B
16. D
17. B
18. A
19. C
20. C