

Roots of American History

**Part I: Multiple-Choice Questions**

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ ① Which of the following states the main goal of the Spanish in creating missions in the borderland areas?
- A. to protect settlements
 - B. to explore new lands
 - C. to teach Catholicism to Native Americans
 - D. to build economic success
- _____ ② Which of the following statements identifies an effect of the Great Awakening?
- F. The colonists grew apart from the British.
 - G. There was growing acceptance of religious differences.
 - H. Enlightenment ideas became more popular.
 - I. The movement to end slavery grew.
- _____ ③ Which best describes life in the backcountry?
- A. Landowners had large holdings and many enslaved workers.
 - B. Backcountry people dominated government in their colonies.
 - C. In the backcountry, farm families often worked the land together.
 - D. Backcountry farmers often clashed with Spanish colonists.
- _____ ④ Which colony was founded as a place for Quakers to settle?
- F. New Hampshire
 - G. Maryland
 - H. Georgia
 - I. Pennsylvania
- _____ ⑤ Jacques Cartier explored the St. Lawrence River for what country?
- A. France
 - B. The Netherlands
 - C. Spain
 - D. England
- _____ ⑥ Which of the following were among the chief economic activities in New England as a result of available resources?
- F. hunting and gathering
 - G. farming and industry
 - H. growing cotton and tobacco
 - I. fishing and shipbuilding

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- _____ **7** Feeling a close relationship to the natural world is central to the belief system of which of the following people?
- A.** Native Americans **C.** Arabs
B. Europeans **D.** Chinese
- _____ **8** Which group placed the first European colony in what is now New York?
- F.** the French **H.** the Dutch
G. the English **I.** the Spanish
- _____ **9** What resulted from Spain's increased wealth after conquering the Aztec and Inca empires?
- A.** England and France joined together to defeat Spain
B. Other Native American peoples surrendered to Spain
C. Spain used its wealth to conquer Italy
D. Other nations began to seek their own colonies in the Americas
- _____ **10** What individual was the chief architect of the colony of New France?
- F.** René Robert Cavelier, also known as La Salle
G. Samuel de Champlain
H. Louis Joliet
I. Jacques Marquette
- _____ **11** How did the Dutch hope to succeed in North America?
- A.** farming **C.** manufacturing
B. mining gold **D.** the fur trade
- _____ **12** How did the fur trade affect Native Americans in the long run?
- F.** It hurt them by weakening the food chain on which they depended.
G. They learned to tame fur-bearing animals and raise them on farms.
H. They abandoned farming in favor of trapping.
I. They grew richer than their trading partners.
- _____ **13** What was James Oglethorpe's goal in founding the colony of Georgia?
- A.** promoting religious freedom
B. making a home for debtors
C. creating a refuge for former slaves
D. gaining profit from the fur trade

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- _____ ⑭ What leader took charge of Jamestown and helped the struggling colony survive?
- F. Nathaniel Bacon
G. George Calvert
- H. John Smith
I. John Winthrop
- _____ ⑮ What was an effect of King Philip's War?
- A. The English were free to colonize the Carolinas.
B. The French gained control of the Great Lakes.
C. The English gained control of New Amsterdam.
D. Native Americans in Massachusetts were weakened.
- _____ ⑯ Which of the following was a negative effect of the Columbian Exchange?
- F. Europeans brought cows and hogs to the Americas.
G. Native Americans defeated European invaders.
H. Thousands of Native Americans died from European diseases.
I. Europeans brought wheat and oats to the Americas.
- _____ ⑰ What contribution did Puritans make to colonial culture?
- A. educating African Americans
B. promoting the Great Awakening
C. pushing for religious toleration
D. founding public schools
- _____ ⑱ Western European nations sent explorers in search of a northwest passage to find
- F. a shorter route to Canada.
G. a land route across North America.
H. a direct route to North America.
I. a direct water route to Asia.
- _____ ⑲ What was the purpose of the Mayflower Compact?
- A. to establish laws that would be just and apply to all
B. to ensure that only Pilgrims governed
C. to establish a state religion
D. to persecute those with certain beliefs
- _____ ⑳ Which of the following is a reason that the Pilgrims were able to survive early hardships in their settlement?
- F. They built sturdy wooden houses.
G. Native Americans helped them.
H. They farmed all year long.
I. Other colonists sent them supplies.

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- _____ (21) Why did the Puritans leave England for Massachusetts?
- A. to buy cheap land
 - B. to build a society based on biblical teachings
 - C. to start new businesses
 - D. to practice the Roman Catholic religion
- _____ (22) What was the historical significance of the Virginia House of Burgesses?
- F. It established an official state religion.
 - G. It began a tradition of military rule in the English colonies.
 - H. It began a tradition of representative government in the English colonies.
 - I. It declared Virginia's independence from Great Britain.
- _____ (23) Which of the following was a challenge faced by the Jamestown colonists?
- A. disputes with the Spanish over gold mines
 - B. the king's refusal to grant a royal charter
 - C. disease spread by insects
 - D. rivalry with the Dutch over the fur trade
- _____ (24) In which of the following ways did Europe's rulers carry the tensions of the Protestant Reformation from Europe to North America?
- F. They forced settlers to convert to the new religion of their native country.
 - G. They encouraged settlers to protest their church doctrines.
 - H. They encouraged rivalries between settlers for goods and land.
 - I. They forced settlers to fight one another for the sake of religion.
- _____ (25) Which region depended on the work of enslaved African Americans for its economy?
- A. New England
 - B. the middle colonies
 - C. the southern colonies
 - D. the Spanish borderlands