Early Republic and Westward Expansion — Practice Test

South Dakota United States History I • 25 questions

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1 **Who was the first president of the United States?**

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

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2 **Alexander Hamilton financial plan called for the federal government to**

A abolish all taxes

B assume state debts and create a national bank

C ban banks

D pay debts in gold only

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3 **The Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 tested whether the new federal government could**

A ban whiskey

B build roads

C enforce a tax

D sign treaties

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4 **The Louisiana Purchase in 1803 doubled the size of the United States by buying land from**

- A Spain
- B Britain
- C Mexico
- D France

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5 **In what year was the Louisiana Purchase completed?**

ANSWER _____

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6 **Lewis and Clark expedition from 1804 to 1806 explored land acquired in the**

- A Louisiana Purchase
- B Gadsden Purchase
- C Texas Annexation
- D Oregon Treaty

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7 **The War of 1812 was fought between the United States and**

- A France
- B Great Britain
- C Spain
- D Mexico

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8 **The Battle of New Orleans in January 1815 made a hero of**

A John Quincy Adams

B Henry Clay

C Andrew Jackson

D James Monroe

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9 **The Monroe Doctrine of 1823 warned European powers against**

A further colonization in the Americas

B trading with Asia

C building navies

D taxing American goods

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10 **The Missouri Compromise of 1820 admitted Missouri as a slave state and Maine as a**

A free state

B slave state

C territory

D French colony

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11 **The Erie Canal, completed in 1825, connected the Hudson River to**

A Lake Superior

B Lake Erie

C the Mississippi River

D the Ohio River

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12 **The Indian Removal Act of 1830 was signed under President**

A John Quincy Adams

B Martin Van Buren

C Andrew Jackson

D James Polk

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13 **The Trail of Tears refers to the forced removal of Native peoples, especially the**

A Sioux

B Apache

C Navajo only

D Cherokee

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14 **In what year did Texas join the United States as a state?**

ANSWER _____

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15 **The Mexican American War lasted from 1846 to**

ANSWER _____

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16 **The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848 gave the United States large areas including present day**

A California

B Florida

C Louisiana

D Alaska

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17 **The California Gold Rush began in what year?**

ANSWER _____

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18 **Manifest Destiny was the belief that the United States was destined to expand**

A only to the Mississippi

B across North America to the Pacific

C into Europe

D into South America only

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19 **The Second Great Awakening in the early 1800s was a religious revival that also encouraged**

A a ban on churches

B war with Britain

C reform movements such as temperance and abolition

D westward trade only

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20 **The Seneca Falls Convention of 1848 called for**

A an end to all voting

B temperance only

C free land for settlers

D women rights, including suffrage

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Source I - A Settler Letter from Oregon, 1845

Use this reading for questions 21 to 22.

We have traveled months by wagon, crossed rivers, and buried friends along the trail. The land here is rich, but the journey cost us nearly everything we owned. Still, families keep coming, hoping for a farm of their own and a better life for their children.

21 **According to Source I, westward settlers were mainly motivated by**

- **A** hope for land and a better life
- **B** orders from the army
- **C** a search for gold in Oregon
- **D** trade with Britain

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22 **Source I shows that the Oregon Trail journey was**

A short and easy

B long, costly, and dangerous

C made only by soldiers

D banned by law

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23 **The nullification crisis of 1832 to 1833 centered on South Carolina opposition to**

A the national bank

B westward expansion

C federal tariffs

D the Monroe Doctrine

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24 **The market revolution of the early 1800s was driven by canals, railroads, and**

A plantation slavery only

B foreign wars

C gold mining only

D telegraphs and factories

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25 **In 1823, the Monroe Doctrine was announced by President**

A James Monroe

B James Madison

C John Adams

D Thomas Jefferson

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. 1803
6. A
7. B
8. C
9. A
10. A
11. B
12. C
13. D
14. 1845
15. 1848
16. A
17. 1849
18. B
19. C
20. D
21. A
22. B
23. C
24. D
25. A

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