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1. Canals were very important to transportation in the 1800s. Which part of a canal allows the raising or lowering of the water level?

- A. lock
 - B. rack
 - C. hoist
 - D. barge
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2. President Harry S. Truman decided to use atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Truman did this

- A. as a political experiment.
 - B. as a scientific experiment.
 - C. as revenge for Pearl Harbor and to gain votes.
 - D. to save the lives of American soldiers and end the war.
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3. Why is democracy referred to as self-government?

- A. The government runs itself.
 - B. People pay for the government themselves.
 - C. People choose representatives who make decisions.
 - D. The citizens are free to do whatever they want.
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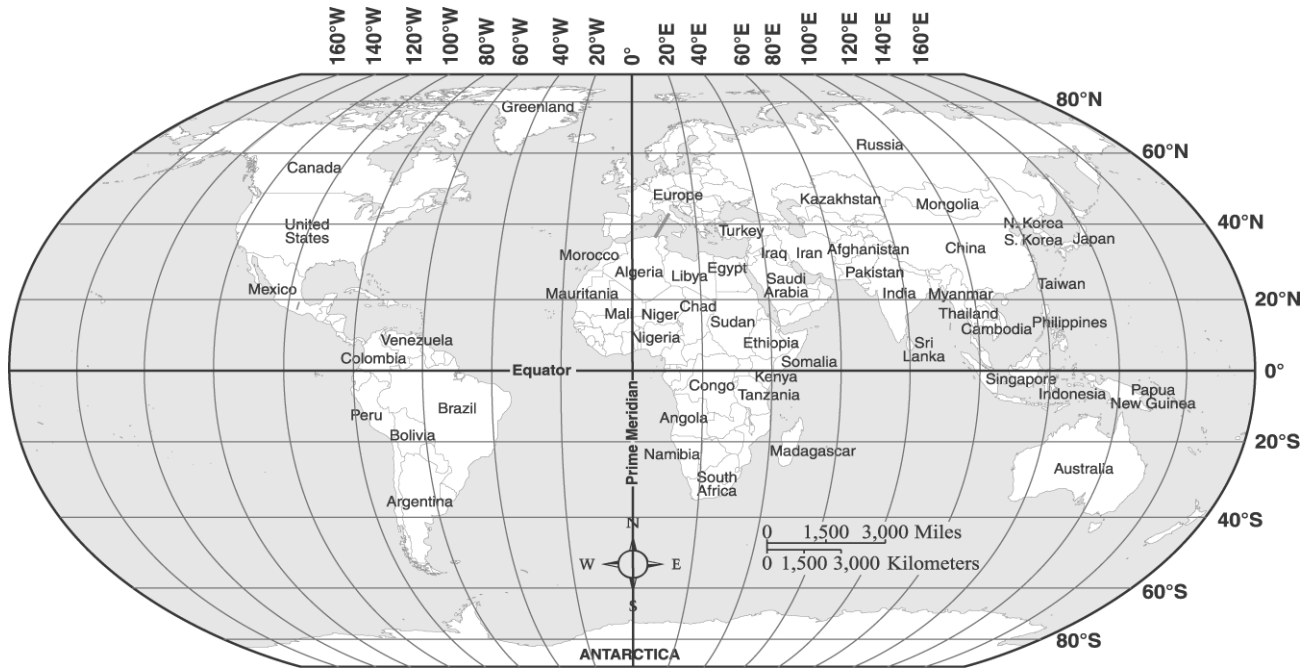
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Use the map below to answer question 4.



4. The following lines are represented on the map.

- 90°W
- 60°W
- 30°E
- 50°E

These lines are examples of

- A. lines of latitude.
- B. parallel lines.
- C. lines of longitude.
- D. cardinal directions.

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5. During the mid- to late-1800s, towns grew where miners were able to find gold or silver. These towns grew quickly and were called boomtowns. Eventually, most of these towns became ghost towns when

- A. Native Americans attacked the towns and forced the people to leave.
 - B. the mines ran out of gold and silver.
 - C. farmers and cattlemen took over the towns and the miners left.
 - D. the government closed the towns because there was too much crime.
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6. How can a bill that was passed by Congress not become a law?

- A. The Senate vetoes it.
 - B. The President vetoes it.
 - C. The public vetoes it.
 - D. The states veto it.
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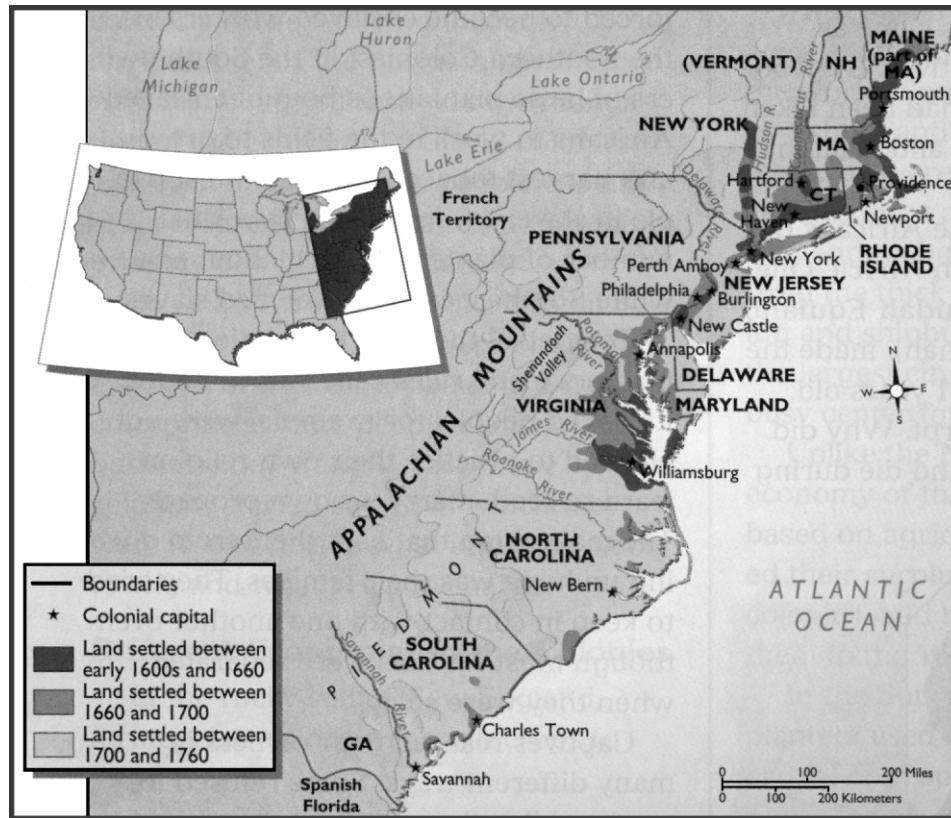
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Use the map below to answer question 7.



7. Look at the map. Where did MOST people live before 1660?

- A. near the Great Lakes
 - B. in the Southern Piedmont
 - C. along the Northeastern coast
 - D. west of the Appalachian Mountains
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8. People have different roles in our economic system—producer, provider, consumer, and investor. A person who buys stock in a company is

- A. an investor.
 - B. a consumer.
 - C. a provider.
 - D. a producer.
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9. According to the last census, the population of the United States as a whole is going up, but the number of people in some states is going down. New York, Massachusetts, and Michigan are three states in which the population went down. Which is the most likely reason these three states had a drop in population?

- A. Many people moved to states that had factories.
 - B. Many people moved to states with warmer climates.
 - C. Many people moved to states that had a seasonal climate.
 - D. Many people moved to states with large cities.
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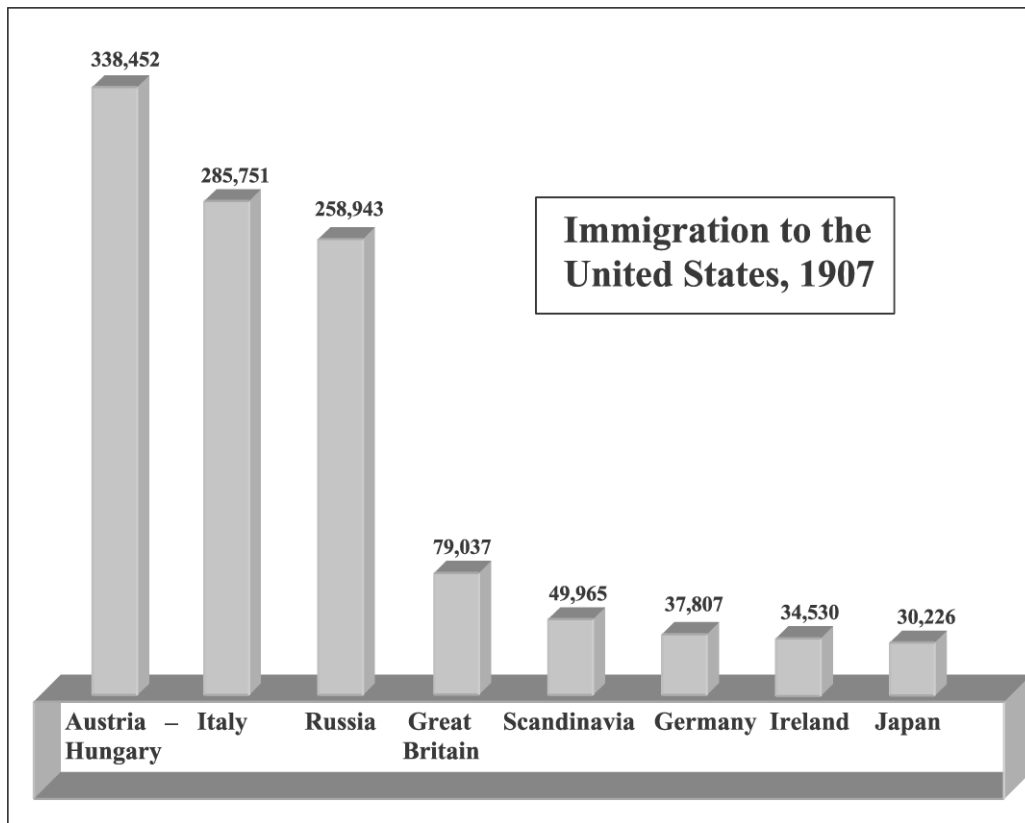
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Use the graph below to answer question 10.



10. According to the information in the graph, from which continent did the most immigrants come from in 1907?

- A. North America
 - B. South America
 - C. Asia
 - D. Europe
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Look at the following information and answer question 11.

- stock market crash

- breadlines

- “Hoovervilles”

- people out of work

11. All of these are associated with

- A. the Great Depression.
 - B. World War II.
 - C. the Great Migration.
 - D. Reconstruction.
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Use the graph below to answer question 12.



12. What does this graph show about the Great Depression?

- A. In 1932 many people had jobs.
 - B. Unemployment was at its worst in 1932.
 - C. Unemployment went down during 1931.
 - D. In the 1930s the job market was very good.
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13. Which statement is true about the legislative branch of government in the United States?

- A. Congress is made up of three parts.
 - B. Congress is responsible for making the laws.
 - C. The president appoints the members of Congress.
 - D. The members of Congress decide what the laws mean.
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14. Banks helped to cause the 1929 stock market crash in the United States by

- A. forcing investors to buy bank stocks.
 - B. refusing to lend money to investors.
 - C. investing money in risky stocks.
 - D. buying and selling bank stocks.
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15. Which of the following is an example of economic interdependence?

- A. People make their own clothing.
 - B. People often move to places that are not crowded.
 - C. People need goods and services provided by other people.
 - D. People grow their own food.
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