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1. The President of the United States represents which branch of government?

- A. legislative
- B. executive
- C. judicial
- D. international

2. During the years before the Civil War, the Underground Railroad was started to help runaway slaves escape to freedom in Canada. One former slave who became a "conductor" and was called "the Black Moses" was

- A. Booker T. Washington.
- B. Frederick Douglass.
- C. Harriet Tubman.
- D. Phyllis Wheatley.

3. Which branch of government is responsible for making the laws?

- A. executive
- B. congressional
- C. judicial
- D. legislative

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What impact does the Legislative Branch have on our government?

- A. It passes laws.
- B. It includes the Supreme Court.
- C. It does not allow all citizens to vote.
- D. It allows the President to make his own laws.

5. The War of 1812 was fought between the United States and Great Britain. The MAIN reason why this war was fought was

- A. to win freedom from Great Britain.
- B. to stop British attacks on American cities on the coast.
- C. to protect the right to trade with anyone.
- D. to keep Native Americans on reservations.

6. The Congress of the United States can override the veto of the President. This example of checks and balances shows the

- A. legislative branch checking the judicial branch.
 - B. judicial branch checking the legislative branch.
 - C. executive branch checking the judicial branch.
 - D. legislative branch checking the executive branch.
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7. Many of the Native Americans who lived on the Great Plains were nomadic people. Why did they move from place to place?

- A. They were finding new areas to mine.
 - B. They were looking for fertile lands to farm.
 - C. They were trapping fur-bearing animals.
 - D. They were following the buffalo to hunt.
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How did Benedict Arnold betray our country?

- A. He wrote a letter to President Lincoln about the war.
 - B. He fought on the side of the French during the War of 1812.
 - C. He used a spy to attack George Washington on Christmas Eve.
 - D. He aided the British during the Revolutionary War by planning to surrender to them.
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9. Southwestern Native Americans' way of living depended on the resources in their area. Which of the following activities BEST describe their way of life then?

- A. They grew beans and corn and made pottery from clay.
 - B. They followed and hunted buffalo for food, clothing, and shelter.
 - C. They hunted seal and fished for salmon.
 - D. They gathered berries and hunted small game.
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10. The English who settled in North America started colonies that stretched all along the Atlantic Coast. Which of the following lists would BEST fit the Southern Colonies?

- A. shipbuilding, cold winters, fish
- B. tobacco, hot summers, rice
- C. furs, Puritans, shipbuilding
- D. Philadelphia, corn, Quakers

Answer Key

1. B) executive
2. C) Harriet Tubman.
3. D) legislative
4. A) It passes laws.
5. C) to protect the right to trade with anyone.
6. D) legislative branch checking the executive branch.
7. D) They were following the buffalo to hunt.
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9. A) They grew beans and corn and made pottery from clay.
10. B) tobacco, hot summers, rice