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1. 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

2. In the years before and after the Civil War, many people went west to try and become rich by mining for gold, silver, and copper. Which of the following would have been true at this time?

- A. Most of the miners worked in large mining operations, and were paid a salary.
- B. Most of the miners struck it rich, which only led to more people moving west.
- C. Most of the miners worked by themselves or in small groups, with few striking it rich.
- D. Most of the miners bought land from Native Americans to search for metals.

3. Your teacher has invited a guest to speak to your class. Some of the students do not care for the speaker. As good citizens, the MOST appropriate action for those students to take is to

- A. listen to the speaker.
- B. put your heads on their desks.
- C. talk to friends.
- D. work on homework.

4. In 1777, the Articles of Confederation was a plan to unite the states. Problems with the Articles of Confederation led to the writing of the

- A. Declaration of Independence.
- B. Constitution of the United States.
- C. Mayflower Compact.
- D. Monroe Doctrine.

5. Parliament passed the Tea Act in 1773. This led to some colonists taking action, such as the Boston Tea Party. What was the Boston Tea Party?

- A. Colonists gave dinners to support the sale of tea.
- B. Colonists dressed as Indians destroyed the tea.
- C. Colonists bought tea from other countries.
- D. Colonists started growing their own tea.

6.

What was the purpose of the Preamble to our Constitution?

- A. The Preamble was a famous speech given by President Lincoln about our Constitution.
 - B. The Preamble was a newspaper written about the need to free slaves.
 - C. The Preamble was written to explain the purpose of the Declaration of Independence.
 - D. The Preamble was written to explain the purpose of the Constitution.
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7.

Why were blacksmiths important as colonial craftsmen?

- A. They made horseshoes and other farm tools.
 - B. They grew wheat and corn in the New England Colonies.
 - C. They made canoes so the colonists could travel by river.
 - D. They fought with the Native Americans and taught them how to shoot.
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8.

How did the telegraph impact life in America?

- A. It led to the development of the railroad.
 - B. It allowed messages to be sent through the mail.
 - C. It took longer to send messages over long distances.
 - D. It allowed a speedy way to send messages over long distances.
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9. Citizens are expected to be involved in their community. Which of the following would be the BEST example of serving your community?

- A. picking up litter in the park
 - B. riding a bike
 - C. taking your dog for a walk
 - D. going to a movie
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10. Why do Americans have a holiday called Independence Day on the fourth of July?

- A. to honor past presidents
- B. to honor the birth of the country
- C. to honor the new year
- D. to honor American soldiers

Answer Key

1. B) tobacco, hot summers, rice
2. C) Most of the miners worked by themselves or in small groups, with few striking it rich.
3. A) listen to the speaker.
4. B) Constitution of the United States.
5. B) Colonists dressed as Indians destroyed the tea.
6. D) The Preamble was written to explain the purpose of the Constitution.
7. A) They made horseshoes and other farm tools.
8. D) It allowed a speedy way to send messages over long distances.
9. A) picking up litter in the park
10. B) to honor the birth of the country