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SAMPLE

What did the Wright brothers invent?

- A** Automobile
- B** Sewing machine
- C** Airplane
- D** Water pump

During Reconstruction, former Confederate generals were —

- A** required to rejoin the United States army
- B** given command of local military units
- C** forbidden to hold public office
- D** tried for treason against the United States

Which issue most contributed to the early growth of labor unions?

- A** Dangerous working conditions
- B** Local neighborhood pollution
- C** Increasing income taxes
- D** Limited worker education

African-American Leader

- Born into slavery on a plantation in Virginia
- Believed equality could be achieved through vocational education
- Organized the Tuskegee Institute for agricultural and industrial education

Which African-American leader is described in this list?

- A** Bessie Smith
- B** Martin Luther King, Jr.
- C** Rosa Parks
- D** Booker T. Washington

Before World War I, which factor helped transform the United States from an agricultural to an industrial nation?

- A** Declining financial resources
- B** A shortage of skilled laborers
- C** Lower production costs
- D** A lack of new inventions

Young Mine Workers



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During the early 20th century, this type of scene motivated labor unions to —

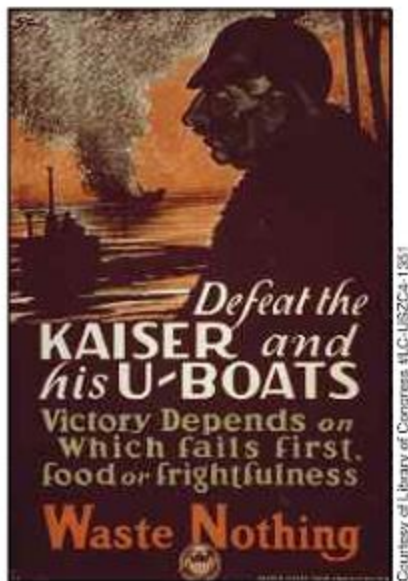
- A increase working hours
- B reform education policies
- C limit employment of children
- D refuse employment to immigrants

How did yellow journalism contribute to the Spanish American War?

- A** By printing news stories that were not the whole truth
- B** By giving advertising space to the Spanish government
- C** By reporting only American victories
- D** By selling newspapers to raise money for weapons

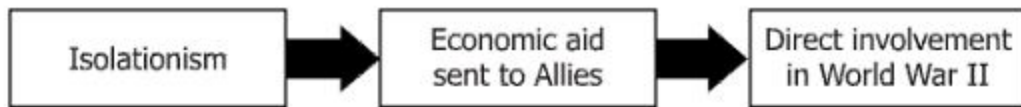
Which statement is true about African Americans before moving north during the Great Migration?

- A** They faced discrimination and violence.
- B** They were denied educational benefits.
- C** They lost their citizenship and voting rights.
- D** They were denied their religious freedom.



This World War I poster reminded United States citizens about Germany's —

- A** success in industrial war production
- B** use of unrestricted submarine warfare
- C** communication with a foreign power
- D** promise to follow a neutral policy



Which member of the World War II Allies is described by these events?

- A** Canada
- B** France
- C** United States
- D** Great Britain

Which headline shows a United States return to isolationism after World War I?

A

★ NEWS ★
President Wilson Will Attend World Peace Conference

C

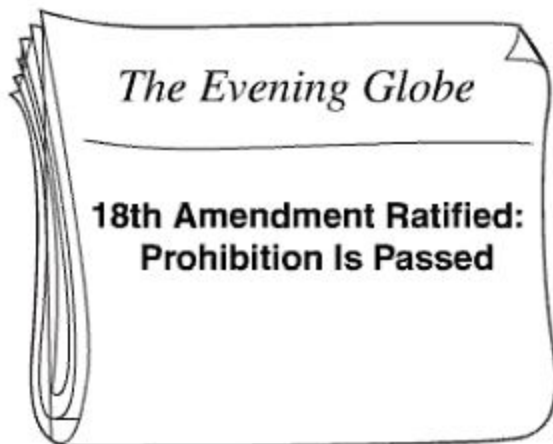
★ NEWS ★
United States Emerges as a World Power

B

★ NEWS ★
United States Senate Rejects Versailles Treaty

D

★ NEWS ★
British Reject President Wilson's Peace Plan



The purpose of this constitutional amendment was to —

- A** forbid the production and sale of alcohol
- B** give women the right to vote and hold office
- C** allow for the direct election of senators
- D** remove voting restrictions on minorities

**Characteristics of a
? Government**

- Extreme patriotism
- Individual freedoms denied
- Dictator has total power

Which government best completes this title?

- A** Republican
- B** Fascist
- C** Democratic
- D** Socialist

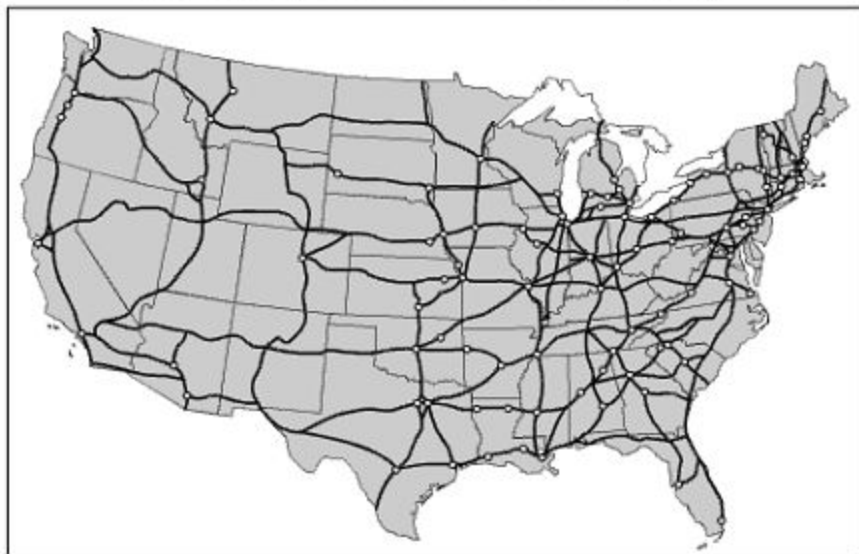
Prisoners in a German Concentration Camp



These men were prisoners because of the German —

- A** policies concerning imperialism
- B** ideas about European immigration
- C** policies regarding isolationism
- D** beliefs in Aryan supremacy

National System of Interstate Highways



How did this national system affect American life?

- A** Citizens had greater access to information.
- B** Speed of communication increased.
- C** People began to travel more for pleasure.
- D** Variation between regions increased.

The United States military was desegregated by President —

- A** Woodrow Wilson
- B** Franklin D. Roosevelt
- C** Dwight D. Eisenhower
- D** Harry S Truman

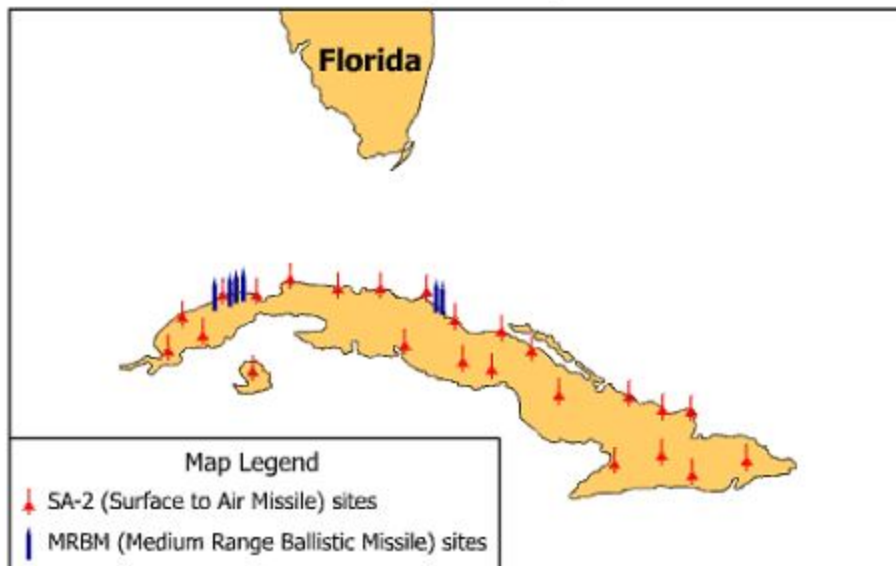
Population Figures

City	Houston	Dallas	Phoenix
1940	384,514	294,734	65,414
1950	596,163	434,462	106,818
1960	938,219	679,684	439,170

Which invention most affected the population changes in this table?

- A** Home computers
- B** Television
- C** Satellites
- D** Air conditioning

Soviet Military Buildup in Cuba



The United States responded to this event by —

- A surrounding Cuba with a naval blockade
- B agreeing to an arms treaty with Cuba
- C imposing trade restrictions on Cuba
- D attacking Cuba with a ground invasion

One example of segregation in the early 1950s is when African Americans and whites could NOT —

- A** serve in military units
- B** work in the same factory
- C** participate in protest marches
- D** learn in the same school

Which country gave the most military aid to defend North Korea during the Korean War?

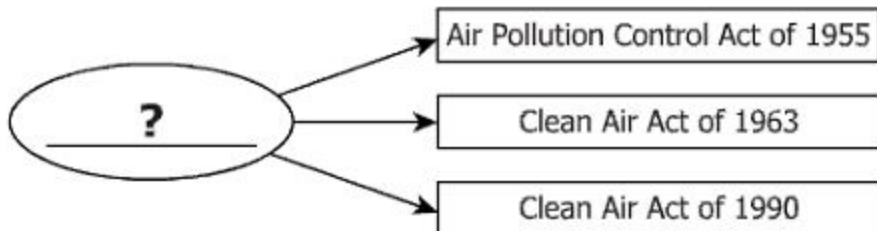
- A** Japan
- B** India
- C** China
- D** Thailand

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- Organized marches
- Sit-ins
- Boycotts
- Freedom Riders

Which title best completes this list?

- A** Great Depression
- B** Vietnam War Protest
- C** Cold War
- D** Civil Rights Movement



Which concern best completes this diagram?

- A** Political Problems
- B** Unstable Economy
- C** Medical Research
- D** Environmental Issues

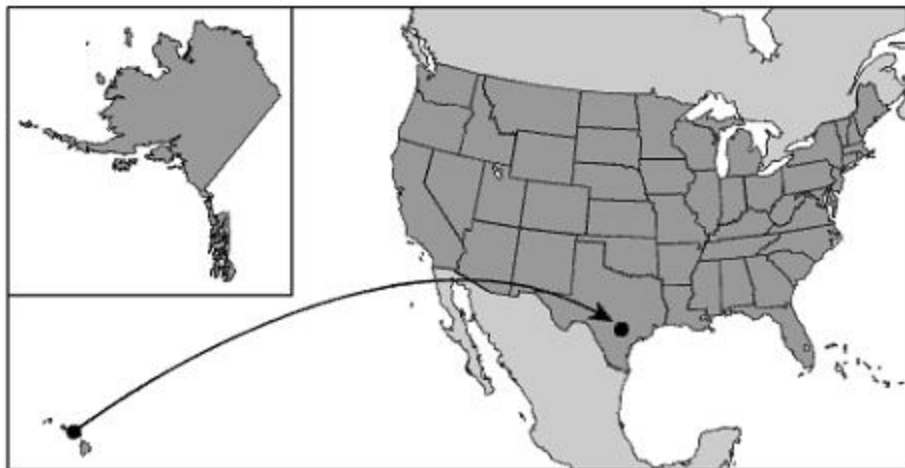
Which city developed into a steel-manufacturing area?

- A** Boston
- B** Detroit
- C** Pittsburgh
- D** New York

The United States relocation policy resulted in American Indians being —

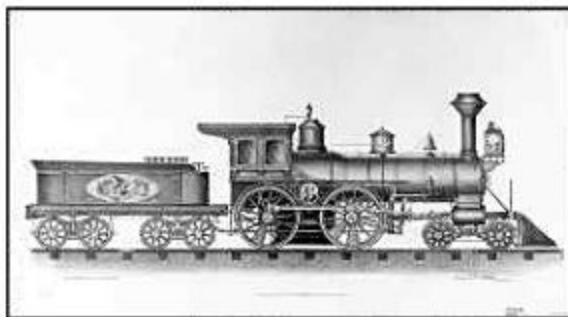
- A** sent to live in foreign nations
- B** taught to become factory workers
- C** ordered to leave traditional lands
- D** forced to trade with foreign nations

United States



This map shows a route connecting —

- A San Francisco and Chicago
- B Honolulu and San Antonio
- C Los Angeles and Denver
- D Juneau and Santa Fe



This form of transportation helped create industrial centers by —

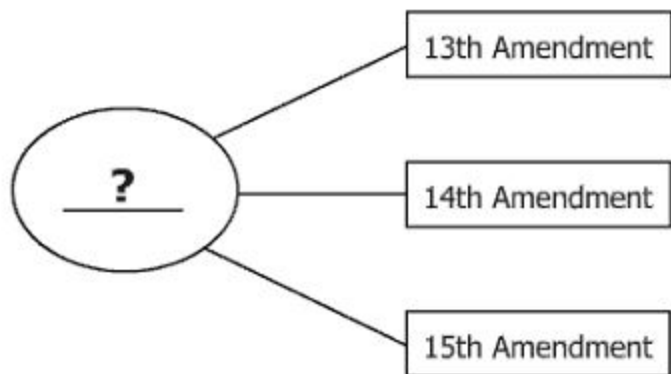
- A** transporting farmers to Western towns
- B** increasing the need for skilled workers
- C** increasing tourist travel between states
- D** transporting natural resources to Eastern factories

Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.



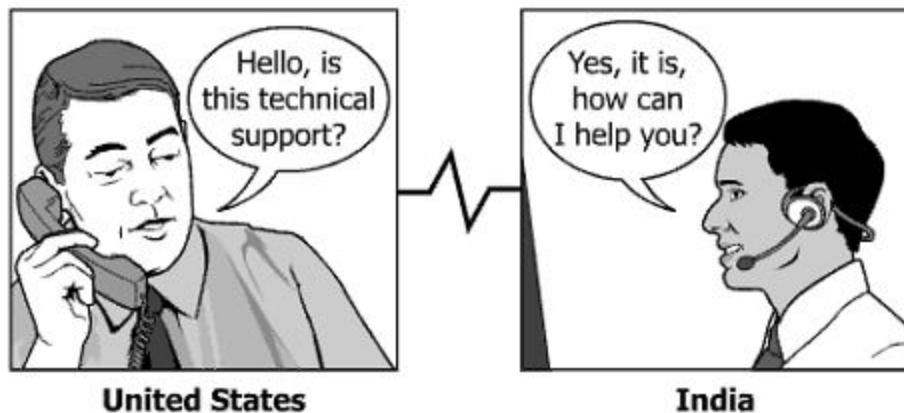
In which region of the United States is this memorial located?

- A** Northeast
- B** Southeast
- C** Midwest
- D** Southwest



What phrase best replaces the question mark in this diagram?

- A** Amendments that address civil rights issues
- B** Amendments that deal with the Bill of Rights
- C** Amendments that deal with the Declaration of Independence
- D** Amendments that address federalism



This drawing shows an example of —

- A** international treaties
- B** foreign tariffs
- C** foreign immigration
- D** job outsourcing

Public Works Dam Construction Project



This photograph shows a project intended to —

- A** preserve local wildlife
- B** create immediate jobs
- C** provide timber for housing
- D** clear land for farms

At the end of World War II, businesses changed from making war materials to making —

- A** consumer goods
- B** alternative energies
- C** computer systems
- D** agricultural products

The linking of different societies through globalization was most increased by —

- A** improvements in communications
- B** the mechanization of factories
- C** advances in farming technologies
- D** the outsourcing of skilled jobs

Farmers received federal government assistance for the first time as a part of the —

- A Truman Doctrine
- B Marshall Plan
- C Fair Deal
- D New Deal

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Answer Key

Sequence Number	Correct Answer	Reporting Category	Reporting Category Description
1	C	001	Reconstruction to Modern America
2	A	001	Reconstruction to Modern America
3	D	001	Reconstruction to Modern America
4	C	001	Reconstruction to Modern America
5	C	001	Reconstruction to Modern America
6	A	002	Turmoil and Change
7	A	002	Turmoil and Change
8	B	002	Turmoil and Change
9	C	002	Turmoil and Change
10	B	002	Turmoil and Change
11	A	002	Turmoil and Change
12	B	002	Turmoil and Change
13	D	002	Turmoil and Change
14	C	003	United States since World War II
15	D	003	United States since World War II
16	D	003	United States since World War II
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22	C	004	Geography
23	C	004	Geography
24	B	004	Geography
25	D	004	Geography
26	B	004	Geography
27	A	005	Civics and Economics
28	D	005	Civics and Economics
29	B	005	Civics and Economics
30	A	005	Civics and Economics
31	A	005	Civics and Economics
32	D	005	Civics and Economics

