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# Social Studies

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1929            to            1939

1. Which era in United States history lasted during these years?
  - a. Progressive Era
  - b. Great Depression
  - c. World War II
  - d. Era of Good Feelings
  
2. Economic hard times in Europe led to the rise of ambitious leaders called \_\_\_\_\_, who wanted complete control of their countries and their people.
  - a. Senators
  - b. Prime Ministers
  - c. Presidents
  - d. Dictators



3. What was a period of severe drought in the 1930s that destroyed many farms on the Great Plains?
  - a. Dust Bowl
  - b. Blue Norther
  - c. Galveston Hurricane
  - d. Ice Age
  
4. Where did many Americans try to make money during the 1920s?
  - a. McDonald's
  - b. Farms
  - c. Stock Market
  - d. Insurance
  
5. Who in an address to the United States Congress gave this famous quote?

*"Yesterday, December 7, 1941- a date which will live in infamy- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."*

- a. Lyndon Baines Johnson
  - b. Harry Truman
  - c. Theodore Roosevelt
  - d. Franklin D. Roosevelt
  
6. Which nation was NOT a member of the Allies during World War II?
  - a. Britain
  - b. Italy
  - c. France
  - d. Russia

7. In the early 1900s, what created a demand for people to work in the factories in the North?
  - a. Trade treaties with Mexico
  - b. Flu epidemic
  - c. Demand for military equipment in World War I
  - d. Opening of a large port in Charleston



8. Who became a symbol for the women who kept American factories running during World War II?
  - a. Rosie the Riveter
  - b. Typhoid Mary
  - c. Yellow Rose of Texas
  - d. Sweet Sue



9. Which colonial region enjoyed the warmest climate and longest growing season?
  - a. New England Colonies
  - b. Middle Colonies
  - c. Southern Colonies
  - d. Backcountry
10. Why was New York City built in its location?
  - a. Millions of beavers lived in the forests
  - b. Low and swampy land
  - c. At the base of the Mississippi River
  - d. Settlers could control trade on the Hudson River
11. How did settlers on the Great Plains adapt to the lack of trees or rocks?
  - a. Lived in tents
  - b. Used sod as a building material
  - c. Transported lumber on the Pony Express
  - d. Hauled limestone from quarries in Texas

12. What New Deal program built dams along rivers in the South?
- Tennessee Valley Authority
  - Civil Works Administration
  - Civilian Conservation Corps
  - Farm Security Administration
13. Why did Francis Lowell build his cloth-making factory close to a river?
- Source of power
  - Protection
  - Food source
  - Irrigation of crops
14. Which mountains did the Transcontinental Railroad have to cross for its completion at Promontory Point, Utah?
- Green
  - Davis
  - Appalachians
  - Sierra Nevada
15. \_\_\_\_\_ is the amount of a good or service that is available.
- Demand
  - Supply
  - Consumer
  - Producer
16. Who makes these economic decisions?
- \* **Which goods or services to produce**
  - \* **How to produce the goods or services**
  - \* **At what price to sell the goods or services**
  - \* **How the goods or services will be distributed**
- Farmers
  - The Government
  - Business owners
  - Workers
17. What did the German army accomplish when it swept around the right and rear of the Armies of the north?
- Allowed time for construction of rail lines to the front
  - Stranded large numbers of German soldiers in Belgium
  - Bought time for reinforcements to arrive
  - Severed British communications for food and ammunition
18. Who had appealed to the British and French armies for help?
- Belgian King
  - Russian Oligarch
  - Japanese Premier
  - Italian Prime Minister
19. What posed as a problem for the evacuation of Dunkirk?
- Crowds of people
  - Calm seas
  - Adverse weather
  - Crowded docks

20. Why did Churchill think the House of Commons might want to enter into a secret session?
- Not to raise false hopes of the citizens
  - So the enemy will not read it the next day
  - Reduce outside influence
  - Restrict demonstrations from the public
21. When did Franklin D. Roosevelt deliver the first of his four Inaugural Addresses?
- January 7, 1940
  - May 25, 1936
  - November 25, 1942
  - March 4, 1933
22. How did Roosevelt's address reflect the personal difficulties of the times?
- Stated a great number of people toil with little return
  - Showed the vast numbers of jobs created
  - Announced new markets for farm products
  - Reported a decline in the death rate
23. What did Roosevelt ask Congress for permission to use in the "war against the emergency"?
- National stockpiles of supplies
  - Martial law
  - Broad executive power
  - The military
24. Who was Eisenhower addressing in his World War II memo?
- Confederate States of America
  - Allied Expeditionary Force
  - Luftwaffe
  - Co-Belligerent Army
25. What title finishes the chart?

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**Lowest place on the Earth's surface**

**Important source of potash**

**Earth's saltiest body of water**

- |              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| a. North Sea | c. Dead Sea          |
| b. Red Sea   | d. Mediterranean Sea |

26. Because of its location in the Alps and policy of neutrality, which nation is the headquarters for many international organizations?
- Bolivia
  - Nigeria
  - Iceland
  - Switzerland
27. Who has the longest unprotected border in the world?
- Canada-United States
  - Egypt-Saudi Arabia
  - Mexico-United States
  - Italy-Spain

28. Most of the economy of Panama is based on farming but it also earns money from what source?
- a. Black Forest
  - b. Panama Canal
  - c. Ruhr
  - d. Serengeti Plain
29. Which of these factors finishes the list on how speed has changed trade?
- \* **Telephones**
  - \* **?**
  - \* **High-speed cargo ships**
- a. Pony Express
  - b. Jet planes
  - c. Stagecoach
  - d. Steamboat
30. Taiwan's wealth comes largely from high-technology industries, manufacturing and trade with other countries. What are high-technology industries?
- a. Young worker who learned a trade or skill from a master teacher
  - b. Industry that produces goods such as clothing, shoes, furniture and house-hold products
  - c. Produce computers and other kinds of electronic equipment
  - d. Industry that provides services like banking, education and tourism to people rather than producing goods
31. Who is an entrepreneur?
- a. Official of the Christian Church
  - b. Person who flees to another country to avoid persecution or disaster
  - c. All-powerful government leader
  - d. Person who organizes and manages a business undertaking, assuming the risk for the sake of profit
32. Which territory in Canada has more than 60 percent of its population under the age of 25 and the government is the largest employer because of a lack of other jobs?
- a. Nunavut
  - b. Ottawa
  - c. British Columbia
  - d. Nova Scotia
33. What action did the Indian government take in an effort to keep another Bengal Famine from occurring?
- a. Process by which grasslands change to desert
  - b. Green Revolution was an effort to use modern techniques and science to increase food production
  - c. Process of removing salt to make seawater drinkable
  - d. Widespread cutting of forests
34. Which animal that brought profits to early European traders is now protected in Cote d'Ivoire?
- a. Elephants
  - b. Lions
  - c. Tigers
  - d. Deer

35. \_\_\_\_\_ has one of the most powerful telescopes in the world.
- a. El Capitan
  - b. Palo Duro Canyon
  - c. McDonald Observatory
  - d. Padre Island

36. Which natural resource in Texas finishes this chart?

**Nonrenewable Resources in Texas**

Sulfur	Uranium	Gypsum	Oil	?	Coal
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- a. Diamonds
- b. Solar
- c. Wind
- d. Natural gas

37. Who became the first surgeon to successfully implant a mechanical heart pump in a patient?

- a. Michael DeBakey
- b. Michael Dell
- c. Gordon Teal
- d. Janis Joplin

38. When is Texas Independence Day?

- a. April 21
- b. March 2
- c. March 6
- d. February 23



39. Who is the Texas political leader in the picture?

- a. Ken Paxton, Attorney General
- b. Dan Patrick, Lt. Governor
- c. George Bush, Commissioner of General Land Office
- d. Greg Abbott, Governor

40. Which Texas politician is a Commissioner on the Texas Railroad Commission?

- a. David Newell
- b. Paul Green
- c. Wayne Christian
- d. Glenn Hegar



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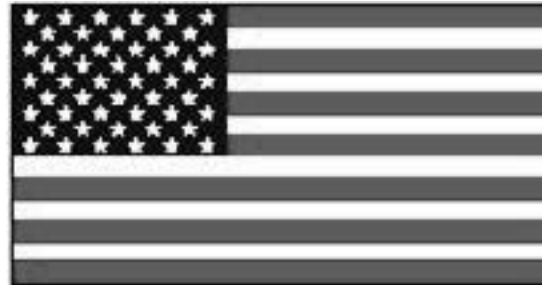
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1. Which title finishes the chart?

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**Banks were forced to close because of too many loans people could not repay  
People bought less  
Businesses began to lay off workers**

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| a. Era of Good Feelings | c. Cold War         |
| b. Great Awakening      | d. Great Depression |
2. Who was a 1930s era musician that offered a new kind of dance music called western swing?
- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| a. O. Henry    | c. Bob Wills      |
| b. Van Cliburn | d. Larry McMurtry |



3. What event is depicted in this 1935 photo that ruined crops and killed thousands of cattle?
- |                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| a. Calgary Stampede | c. Galveston Hurricane |
| b. Dust Bowl        | d. Texas Fever         |
4. Which New Deal program created a program to provide payments to retired citizens and benefits for unemployed workers?
- |                                  |
|----------------------------------|
| a. Social Security               |
| b. Works Progress Administration |
| c. Public Works Administration   |
| d. Civilian Conservation Corps   |
5. Where did the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941?  
*"Yesterday, December 7, 1941- a date which will live in infamy- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."*  
-Franklin D. Roosevelt
- |                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|
| a. Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio |
| b. Pearl Harbor, Hawaii                 |
| c. Ft. Benning, Georgia                 |
| d. Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls        |

6. How did World War II affect Texas society?
  - a. Lowered the cost of oil
  - b. Decreased the number of jobs in factories and service jobs
  - c. Strengthened the economy
  - d. Lowered the wages of workers
  
7. Which environmental disaster made matters worse for farmers in the 1930s?
  - a. Drought
  - b. Hurricane
  - c. Tornedoes
  - d. Blizzard
  
8. In Texas and other states during the 1930s, farmers plowed up the native grasses to plant what crop?
  - a. Corn
  - b. Rye
  - c. Barley
  - d. Wheat
  
9. To understand why the Texas population continues to grow, you must learn about demography. What is demography?
  - a. System of government in which voters decide issues directly
  - b. Public works such as roads and water systems
  - c. Branch of geography that studies human populations
  - d. Supremacy in power
  
10. Which factor finishes the chart?

	<b>?</b>	<b>Growth Rate</b>	
<b>Birthrate</b>		<b>Immigration</b>	<b>Gender distribution</b>
a. Occupation b. Language		c. Religion d. Death rate	

11. What major industry did NOT contribute to the urbanization of Texas?
  - a. Electronics firms
  - b. Dairies
  - c. Aircraft manufacturers
  - d. Oil refineries
  
12. Texas has earned a reputation as a leader in medicine. Who performed the first medical technique- a heart transplant- in 1968?
  - a. Dr. Denton Cooley
  - b. Dr. Joseph Lister
  - c. Dr. Phil
  - d. Dr. Anson Jones
  
13. What did Joseph Glidden invent, to keep dogs out of his wife's garden, ending the open range in Texas?
  - a. Barbed wire
  - b. Squeeze chute
  - c. Chain link fence
  - d. Stockyards

14. \_\_\_\_\_ is a computer system that gathers, stores and organizes geographic information that can be used to create maps, provide information and perform complex models for analyzing information about a place or region.
- Microsoft Word
  - Geographic Information Systems
  - Firefox
  - iTunes
15. How have Texans tried to manage water resources stored in aquifers?
- Build canals to nearby rivers
  - Placed a dam on a lake
  - Trucked water from the Gulf of Mexico
  - Organize water conservation districts
16. What helped Houston to develop into one of the nation's largest ports that contributes some \$13 billion a year to the Texas economy?
- Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport
  - Inter-coastal waterway
  - Houston Ship Channel
  - Love Field
17. Where was Chester Nimitz born?
- Galveston, Texas
  - Nacogdoches, Texas
  - El Paso, Texas
  - Fredericksburg, Texas
18. Who did Nimitz replace as commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Day, 1941?
- Admiral Husband Kimmel
  - Admiral George Dewey
  - Admiral David Farragut
  - Henry Mayo
19. What gift was included in the National Museum of the Pacific War?
- Cyclorama of Battle of Atlanta
  - Japanese Peace Garden
  - Oval Office replica
  - Gutenberg Bible
20. In which political office did John Nance Garner serve fifteen terms?
- Texas House of Representatives
  - United States Senator
  - United States House of Representatives
  - Texas Senate
21. What was John Nance Garner's nickname?
- Slick John
  - Cactus Jack
  - Texas Eloquence
  - Texas Jack

22. Who became the United States House of Representatives majority leader in 1937?
- Ben Barnes
  - Mark White
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Sam Rayburn
23. Which book, written by Oveta Culp Hobby, won quick acceptance as a handbook on parliamentary law?
- Mr. Chairman
  - Lone Star Nation
  - Texas
  - Hidden Figures
24. What was a major event announced during Hobby's term as Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare?
- Discovery of penicillin
  - Pasteurization of milk
  - Salk vaccine to prevent polio
  - First successful angioplasty was performed
25. Which type of economic development finishes the chart?

	<b>New England Colonies</b>	
<b>Climate</b>		<b>Long, cold winters and a short growing season</b>
<b>Resources</b>		<b>Rocky soil</b>
<b>Economic Development</b>		<b>?</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-sufficient gardens</li> <li>Plantation economy</li> <li>Small farms, fishing and trade</li> <li>Manufacturing</li> </ol>		



26. Why did the Middle Colonies develop an economy based on large farms and cash crops of grain?
- Nearly year-round growing season, fertile soil
  - Shorter winters, a longer growing season, fertile soil
  - Varied with latitude, woods and streams
  - Extremely dry

27. What colonial region was distant from the denser coastal populations so settlers there developed an independent and rugged way of life?

- a. Gadsden Purchase
- b. Santa Fe Trail
- c. Republic of Texas
- d. Backcountry

28. Because of these reasons, which crop caused life in the South to change?

- \* **Triggered a vast move westward**
- \* **Its export increased**
- \* **More Native American groups were driven off the land**
- \* **Required a larger work force**

- a. Cotton
- b. Sugar cane
- c. Quinoa
- d. Oats

29. What is urbanization?

- a. Lives mainly on farms
- b. Growth of cities resulting from industrialization
- c. To give a place to stay
- d. Unsettled or sparsely settled area occupied largely by Native Americans

30. Who sought the new factory jobs in the cities in the 1800s?

- a. Women
- b. Young, unskilled workers
- c. Immigrants and migrants from America's farms
- d. College graduates

31. How did streetcars change city life?

- a. Allowed people to live farther away from work and helped new suburbs to develop around cities
- b. Increased demand for housing in areas around factories
- c. Reduced need for paved streets
- d. Led to traffic congestion

32. Which colonies became more diverse as these groups of people tended to settle here?

- \* **Swedes**
- \* **Dutch**
- \* **English**
- \* **Germans**
- \* **Africans**

- a. Southern Colonies
- b. New England Colonies
- c. Backcountry
- d. Middle Colonies

33. What colonies developed a unique pattern of settlement, a cluster of farmhouses surrounded a green?

- a. Middle Colonies
- b. New England Colonies
- c. Southern Colonies
- d. Backcountry

34. In the 1800s, which country had settlements dotting the Pacific Coast all the way from north of San Francisco to Alaska?
- a. Russia
  - b. Spain
  - c. Britain
  - d. Sweden
35. What group, who went west for religious reasons, settled Utah?
- a. Baptists
  - b. Separatists
  - c. Mormons
  - d. Quakers
36. What was NOT a problem of the rapid growth of cities and industries in the United States in the early 1900s?
- a. Poverty
  - b. Poor conditions in factories
  - c. Spread of slums
  - d. Increased wages
37. Which factor finishes the chart on France who produces more food than any Western European nation despite the fact that only 5 percent of their workers labor on farms?
- \* Fertile soil
  - \* ?
  - \* Modern farming methods
- a. Extreme climate
  - b. Plentiful supply of oil
  - c. Mild climate
  - d. Lack of trade routes
38. An entrepreneur is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Young worker who learned a trade or skill from a master teacher
  - b. A person who organizes and manages a business undertaking, assuming the risk for the sake of profit
  - c. Follower of a specific teacher
  - d. Person who flees to another country to avoid persecution or disaster
39. What title finishes the chart?

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**Farmers planted more than one crop per year**

**Used improved seeds**

- a. Green Revolution
- b. Industrial Revolution
- c. Bengal Famine
- d. Workers Revolution

40. Which government is a form of limited government?
- a. Dictatorship
  - b. Feudalism
  - c. Absolute monarchy
  - d. Democracy



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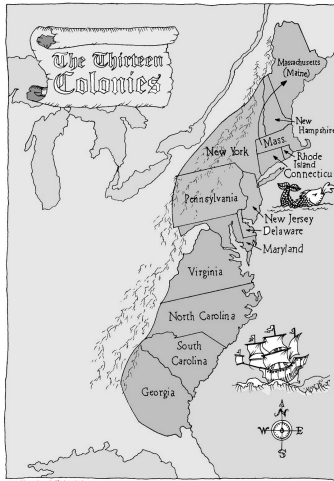
1. Which period of strong economic growth gave people higher wages and shorter workweeks to enjoy themselves?
  - a. Gilded Age
  - b. Enlightenment
  - c. Great Awakening
  - d. Roaring Twenties
  
2. What event was caused by these factors?
  - **Surplus of goods**
  - **Higher unemployment**
  - **Widespread debt**
  - a. World War II
  - b. Great Depression
  - c. Progressive Era
  - d. Era of Good Feelings
  
3. Why did farmers have difficulty paying off their debts?
  - a. Trade treaty with China raised prices for crops
  - b. Surplus crops were purchased by the federal government
  - c. Profits they received for their crops were not enough to pay their debts
  - d. Baby Boom increased agricultural demand
  
4. What title replaces the question mark?

**Benito Mussolini**                      **?**                      **Adolf Hitler**

  - a. Dictators that came to power prior to and during World War II
  - b. Religious leaders during the Great Awakening
  - c. Leaders of Allied Nations
  - d. Judges at the Hague
  
5. When did World War II begin?
  - a. 1937 Japan invades China
  - b. Hitler sends troops into Poland on September 1, 1939
  - c. In 1935 Mussolini attacks Ethiopia
  - d. 1936 Germany and Italy sign a pact to support each other
  
6. Where did Japanese planes bomb the United States fleet on December 7, 1941?
  - a. Sheppard Field, Texas
  - b. Ft. Benning, Georgia
  - c. Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
  - d. Ft. Bragg, North Carolina



7. The group of African-American and Caribbean-born military pilots who fought in World War II pictured above was part of what fighting organization?
- Tuskegee Airmen
  - Flying Tigers
  - Doolittle Raiders
  - Hood's Brigade



8. Which colonial region had a warm climate, fertile soil and long, wide rivers that made it better suited for farming?
- New England Colonies
  - Backcountry
  - Southern Colonies
  - Middle Colonies
9. What city was a 10-square-mile area along the Potomac River not far from George Washington's Virginia home?
- New York
  - Philadelphia
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Savannah
10. Where did most new immigrants that came to the United States tend to settle?
- In communities where the language and traditions were familiar
  - Along the Mississippi River
  - Near deposits of gold
  - In the South
11. Which people settled the area known as Florida and founded the first permanent European settlement in what is now the United States?
- French
  - English
  - Dutch
  - Spanish

12. What invention helped homesteaders on the Great Plains to pump water from deep beneath the ground?
- a. Plow
  - b. Windmills
  - c. Cisterns
  - d. Reaper
13. Which region of colonial America contained many rivers that connected inland farms with ports along the region's coast?
- a. Southern Colonies
  - b. Middle Colonies
  - c. New England Colonies
  - d. Backcountry
14. Why did pioneers create settlements along or near the Ohio River and Mississippi Rivers?
- a. Needed for irrigation
  - b. Fish were needed as a food source
  - c. Used waterways as trade routes
  - d. Protection from enemies
15. How does supply and demand affect consumers?
- a. Government offers consumers what they want to provide and its price
  - b. Consumers determine price willing to pay according to whether they want it or not
  - c. Producers set prices and amounts of goods
  - d. Consumers have no rights
16. What type of economy is a free enterprise system?
- a. Government allows little or no private ownership of property
  - b. Many businesses are owned and run by the government
  - c. Country that uses tax money to provide social services for sick, needy, jobless, or retired people
  - d. People are free to start their own businesses and own their own property
17. Who delivered this famous quote to the House of Commons?
- "We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills;"*
- a. Charles De Gaulle
  - b. Winston Churchill
  - c. Joseph Stalin
  - d. John Kennedy
18. What had been a special target for Nazi bombs?
- a. Churches
  - b. Schools
  - c. Hospital ships
  - d. Historical monuments
19. Which military weapon did the Germans NOT use against French and British troops at Dunkirk?
- a. Atomic bomb
  - b. Magnetic mines
  - c. Cannons
  - d. U-boats

20. What type of military weapons are the Hurricane, Spitfire and Defiant?
- Ships
  - Canons
  - Rifles
  - Airplanes
21. According to Franklin Roosevelt, who were “money changers”?
- Farmers
  - Bankers
  - Laborers
  - Politicians
22. What did Roosevelt see as his “greatest primary task”?
- Give all citizens \$1000 a month
  - Provide housing for all who needed it
  - To put people to work
  - Set up soup kitchens in all cities with a population of 10,000 or more
23. How has our political system been able to endure the test of time?
- Our Constitution
  - Enormous amounts of capital
  - Willing labor source
  - Gifted leaders
24. When did Eisenhower write his famous memo to the Allied Expeditionary Force?
- 1940
  - 1945
  - 1941
  - 1944
25. What dam provides these factors that aid the Egyptian economy?
- **Controls water needed for fields**
  - **Major source of electric power**
  - **Blocks flow of silt**
- Aswan Dam
  - Three Gorges Dam
  - Buchanan Dam
  - Kariba Dam
26. Which area in western Germany, developed around rich deposits of coal and iron ore, is one of the world’s most important industrial centers?
- Sabine
  - Ruhr
  - Namib
  - Pampas
27. \_\_\_\_\_ is the only city in the world that lies on two continents.
- London
  - Paris
  - Moscow
  - Istanbul
28. Which nation, an archipelago of more than 7000 islands of volcanic mountains and forests, spent more than 300 years as a Spanish colony and has only become an independent democratic republic since 1946?
- Malaysia
  - New Zealand
  - Philippines
  - Australia
29. What is driving globalization today?
- Decreased transportation
  - Decreased capital
  - Lack of leadership
  - Search for cheap labor

30. How has China been able to learn new business methods?
- Prohibited trade with other countries
  - Sought new trade routes
  - Ask other countries to invest into their developing businesses
  - Invented high-speed cargo ships
31. Why is Luxembourg so attractive to foreign companies?
- Small labor force
  - Most people in this country are multilingual
  - Cheap labor
  - Lack of capital
32. Which country's economy is most similar to that of the United States?
- Canada
  - Libya
  - Brazil
  - Nepal
33. Located 90 miles south of Florida, \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the world's top sugar producers.
- Cameroon
  - Cuba
  - France
  - Switzerland

34. What North American country best finishes the chart?

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**Rapidly increasing population**

**Increasing national debt**

**Rising pollution**

- Mexico Challenges
- Uganda Challenges
- Iceland Challenges
- Chile Challenges

35. Who developed the integrated circuit that led to the creation of the computer chip?

- Walt Cunningham
- Audie Murphy
- Michael DeBakey
- Jack Kilby

36. What company finishes the list of air-defense industries in Texas?

- **General Dynamics**
- **?**
- **Texas Instruments**

- Dell
- Toyota
- Boeing
- Monsanto

37. Which city with its hospitals and medical schools, like M.D. Anderson, leads the world in medical research?

- Houston
- San Antonio
- Dallas
- Amarillo

38. Why is Juneteenth celebrated as a holiday in Texas?
- Texas leaders decided to declare independence from Mexico
  - Union General Gordon Granger announced that all enslaved Texans were free under United States law
  - Day Texas became a state
  - Oil is discovered in Texas



39. Who is the Texas political leader in the picture?
- Greg Abbott, Governor
  - Glenn Hegar, Comptroller of Public Accounts
  - Sid Miller, Commissioner of Agriculture
  - Dan Patrick, Lt. Governor
40. In which Texas political office do these individuals serve?
- Jimmy Blacklock**
  - Debra Lehrmann**
  - John Devine**
  - Jeff Brown**
- Texas Railroad Commission
  - Court of Criminal Appeals
  - Supreme Court of Texas
  - State Board of Education



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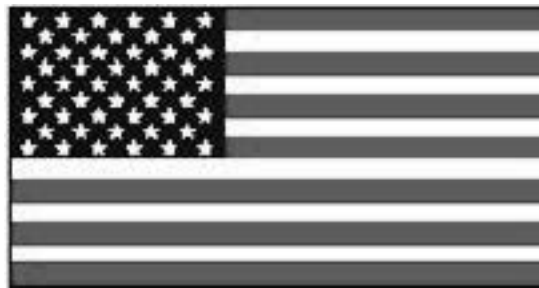
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1. What event is the President addressing in this quote?

*"This great nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."* Franklin D. Roosevelt

- a. Era of Good Feelings
- b. Great Depression
- c. Great Awakening
- d. Cold War

2. Where did people rush to sell their stocks in October of 1929?

- a. Chicago Stockyards
- b. Detroit Stock Exchange
- c. New York Stock Exchange
- d. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

3. What factor that helped lead to the Dust Bowl finishes the chart?

**The Dust Bowl**

**Cattle overgrazed land**

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**Farmers plowed up land to plant wheat**

- a. Drought struck the region
- b. Oil finds increased the economy
- c. Increased population in area
- d. Numerous highways built in area

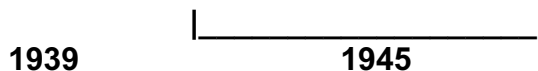
4. Who was given more authority to regulate the oil industry in Texas as the oil crisis deepened?

- a. Office of Budget and Planning
- b. Texas Board of Education
- c. General Land Office
- d. Railroad Commission

5. Which New Deal program created jobs for Texans by building bridges, dams and roads?

- a. Civilian Conservation Corps
- b. Rural Electrification Administration
- c. National Youth Administration
- d. Soil Conservation Service

6. What event occurred during this time period?



- a. Stono Rebellion
- b. World War II
- c. World War I
- d. Korea War

7. Who was the sailor from Waco awarded the Navy Cross for his efforts in defending his ship during the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor?
  - a. Huddie Ledbetter
  - b. Bose Ikard
  - c. John Rayner
  - d. Doris Miller
  
8. How did physical factors combine with human factors- like farming- to cause the Dust Bowl?
  - a. Farmers planted trees to anchor the soil
  - b. New techniques in farming, like terracing, caused soil erosion
  - c. Farmers removed the native grasses that held the soil in place
  - d. Underground water resources provided moisture for crops
  
9. Where were farmers most affected by the Dust Bowl?
  - a. Northeastern states
  - b. Some of the Pacific states
  - c. The Great Plains
  - d. Southeastern states
  
10. How did new technology change farm life in the early 1900s?
  - a. Decreased the number of farmers
  - b. Allowed farmers to grow more crops
  - c. Decreased leisure activities
  - d. Fewer varieties of seeds were developed
  
11. What title finishes the chart?
  - a. Industrialization of Texas
  - b. Agricultural Texas
  - c. Rural Texas
  - d. Urbanization of Texas

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**Population**

- Migration to Texas
- Population growth
- Movement of many rural African Americans to cities

**Industries**

- Aircraft manufacturers
- Electronic firms
- Oil refineries
- Ship manufacturers

**Transportation**

- Continued popularity of the automobile
- New and improved roads expressways, and interstates

12. The Sunbelt was involved in a new trend of growth that began in the mid-1900s. Where is the Sunbelt?
  - a. South and the Southwest
  - b. Northern states
  - c. Western states
  - d. Pacific Northwest
  
13. Which Eli Whitney invention spurred cotton farming across the southern United States?
  - a. Gristmills
  - b. Plows
  - c. Threshers
  - d. Cotton gin

14. Some Texas oil companies began to use a business strategy called vertical integration. What is vertical integration?
- Owning many businesses in a particular field
  - Owning the businesses involved in each step of a manufacturing process
  - Companies that sell shares of ownership to investors to raise money
  - Businesses owned and operated for the benefit of the members of an organization
15. How did Spaniards living in the San Antonio area modify their environment?
- Built a system to irrigate crops
  - Drilled for oil
  - Mined silver in the area
  - Decreased the use of fire to clear land
16. What scientific innovation occurred in the mid-1800s, and how did that affect Texas?
- Automobile invented, decreased demand for oil
  - Increased use of commercial airways, decreased demand for oil
  - Scientists discovered kerosene could be made from oil, increased demand for oil
  - New kitchen appliances, decreased demand for oil
17. Where did Nimitz develop his prototype for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps?
- University of California at Berkeley
  - Texas A&M University
  - United States Military Academy
  - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
18. During World War II, which event helped to restore United States confidence?
- Sinking of the Lusitania
  - Victories in the Coral Sea and at Midway Island
  - Evacuation of Dunkirk
  - Russians solve problem of trench warfare
19. Who did Nimitz succeed as commander-in-chief of the United States Fleet on December 15, 1945?
- Admiral George Dewey
  - Admiral David Farragut
  - Admiral Ernst King
  - Henry Mayo
20. Where was John Nance Garner born?
- Austin, Texas
  - Nashville, Tennessee
  - Detroit, Michigan
  - Detroit, Texas
21. What appeared to be Garner's main effort during his years in the Texas legislature?
- A bridge over the Red River
  - A highway between Fort Worth and Dallas
  - The seawall in Galveston
  - A federal building for Eagle Pass

22. How did Franklin D. Roosevelt become indebted to Garner and the State of Texas?
- Texas had the most financial contributors to his campaign
  - Garner gave his votes to him on the fourth ballot at the Presidential convention
  - Most of his cabinet came from Texas
  - Large numbers of soldiers volunteered from Texas

23. Which title finishes the chart?

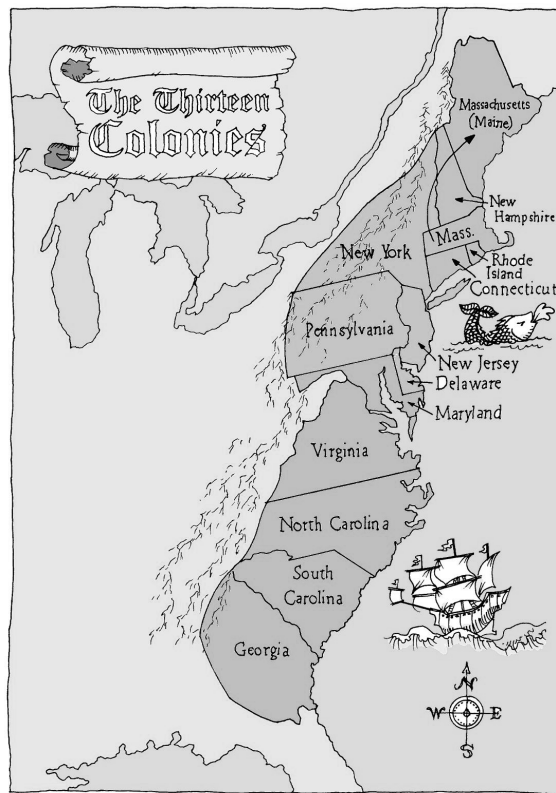
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| a. Bessie Coleman       | c. Oveta Culp Hobby |
| b. Kay Bailey Hutchison | d. Margaret Taylor  |

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Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare  
 First Commander of Women's Army Corps  
 Chairman of the Board of the *Houston Post*

24. What were the “Jolly Entertainers”?

- Group of teenage musicians that toured neighboring towns giving benefits to raise money to buy church organs
- Elocution club
- Journalism group
- A group of young authors that became the first Houston Book Club



25. Why were the Southern Colonies able to develop a plantation economy?

- Growing season varied with latitude, woods and streams
- Nearly year-round growing season, fertile soil
- Long, cold winters; short growing season; rocky soil
- Shorter winters, shorter growing season, fertile soil

26. What type of economic development finishes the chart?
- Small farms
  - Small farms, fishing and trade
  - Timber, whaling and trade
  - Larger farms and cash crops of grain

### Middle Colonies

Climate	Shorter winters and a longer growing season
Resources	Fertile soil
Economic development	?

27. Because of these reasons, which colonial region was a good place to set up factories?

- Many fast-moving rivers
  - Had ships and access to the ocean
  - Willing labor force
- Middle Colonies
  - Southern Colonies
  - New England Colonies
  - Backcountry

28. Why did the urban population increase in the late 1800s?

- Increased number of factory jobs brought increased numbers of workers to fill these jobs
- Increased cotton exports improved the price
- Offer of free land in the Great Plains
- Lack of housing

29. What new innovation helped cities grow and made modern city life possible?

- Sod houses
- Escalators
- Electric light
- Skyscrapers

30. Which area ran along the Appalachian Mountains through the far western part of the colonial regions?

- Louisiana Purchase
- Mexican Cession
- Backcountry
- Oregon Trail

31. \_\_\_\_\_ influenced the settlement and government of the New England Colonies.

- Religion
- Occupations
- Education
- Gender

32. What area's excellent harbors along its coasts were ideal sites for cities such as New York and Philadelphia?

- Southern Colonies
- Middle Colonies
- Backcountry
- New England Colonies



33. In the 1800s, which nation had a chain of 21 missions in California stretching from San Diego to San Francisco?
- a. Spain
  - b. Sweden
  - c. Russia
  - d. Britain
34. What opened the upper Ohio Valley and the Great Lakes region to settlement and trade and fueled nationalism by unifying these two sections of the country?
- a. Augusta Canal
  - b. Cape Cod Canal
  - c. Erie Canal
  - d. Wheeling Canal
35. Who brought much of the population growth to the industries of the North?
- a. Educated, skilled workers
  - b. Immigrants
  - c. Native Americans
  - d. Elderly workers
36. After the Civil War, what began to replace farming as the basis of the national economy?
- a. Banking
  - b. Education
  - c. Tourism
  - d. New industries such as steel, petroleum, food processing and manufacturing
37. Why might goods sold in the United States be manufactured in China?
- a. More natural resources in China
  - b. More skilled workers
  - c. Manufacture cost is lower because wages paid to workers is lower
  - d. More benefits to workers
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Germany is famous for its beautiful scenery and for its wood products.
- a. Black Forest
  - b. Taiga
  - c. Redwood Forest
  - d. Amazon Forest
39. Why is it important to maintain peace in the area of North Africa and Southwest Asia?
- a. Forests provide timber for the world
  - b. Many multinational headquarters are located here
  - c. Home to more shipping fleets than any other country
  - d. World depends upon the oil and gas resources found here
40. What is a form of unlimited government?
- a. Direct democracy
  - b. Dictatorship
  - c. Democracy
  - d. Feudalism

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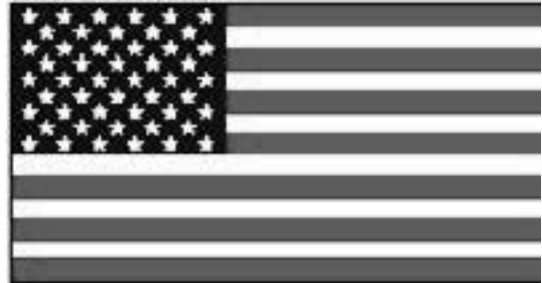
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***"I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, and ill-nourished."*** Franklin Roosevelt

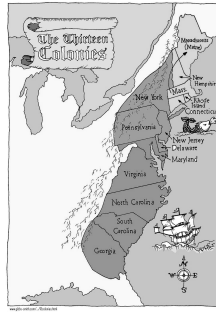
1. What time period in United States history does this quote describe?
  - a. Progressive Era
  - b. Great Depression
  - c. Era of Good Feelings
  - d. Gilded Age

1939-----1945

2. Which event occurred during these years?
  - a. Dust Bowl
  - b. Enlightenment
  - c. World War II
  - d. Great Awakening
3. How did events at Pearl Harbor change the American position on World War II?
  - a. Emphasized an isolationist policy
  - b. Encouraged expansionist feelings
  - c. Reduced need for trade treaties
  - d. United States could no longer stay out of the war

- Italy
- Germany
- Japan

4. What World War II alliance were these nations members?
  - a. Axis
  - b. Confederate States
  - c. Allies
  - d. Vatican States
5. Why did President Truman decide to use the atomic bomb?
  - a. Forced Germany to surrender
  - b. Allowed Italy time to remove troops from Europe
  - c. Provided economic security for the United States
  - d. Would force Japan to surrender and save many American lives
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ was best known for its history as a fighting unit composed almost entirely of second-generation American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought in World War II.
  - a. 151<sup>st</sup> Airborne Unit
  - b. 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team
  - c. Hood's Brigade
  - d. 32<sup>nd</sup> Military Combat Team



7. Which colonial region of the United States had thin, rocky soil but people found it rich in other valuable resources such as thick woods that would provide excellent timber and coastal waters rich in fish?
  - a. New England Colonies
  - b. Southern Colonies
  - c. Middle Colonies
  - d. Backcountry
  
8. What colonial region had many towns that were self-sufficient, meaning they relied on themselves for most of what they needed?
  - a. Backcountry
  - b. Middle Colonies
  - c. New England Colonies
  - d. Southern Colonies
  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ was purchased by President Jefferson from France so that it would remain open for American trade.
  - a. New Orleans
  - b. Brownsville
  - c. Savannah
  - d. New York
  
10. What was the Great Migration?
  - a. Protest against British taxes
  - b. Movement between 1915 and 1940s of millions of African Americans to the North in search of work and fair treatment
  - c. Movement of people, animals, plants, diseases and ways of life between the Eastern Hemisphere and Western Hemisphere following the voyages of Columbus
  - d. Forced march of 15,000 Cherokee from the southeastern United States to Indian Territory in Oklahoma
  
11. Which people moved west from Quebec and Montreal building trading posts and missions along the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes?
  - a. Spanish
  - b. Dutch
  - c. French
  - d. English
  
12. What town became known as a "cow town" because of its location along the railroad?
  - a. Seattle, Washington
  - b. Richmond, Virginia
  - c. Houston, Texas
  - d. Abilene, Kansas
  
13. How did many people believe it would be best to link the East and West?
  - a. Oregon Trail
  - b. Erie Canal
  - c. El Camino Real
  - d. Transcontinental Railroad

14. What did James Oliver invent to help cut through the tough prairie sod?
- a. Reaper
  - b. Tractor
  - c. Steel plow
  - d. Rake
15. Which area of early American settlement contained open grasslands that were good for sheep and cattle ranching?
- a. New Mexico
  - b. Pennsylvania
  - c. Massachusetts
  - d. New Hampshire



16. What vast region of dry grasslands did the United States government offer free to settlers if they were willing to start new farms?
- a. Upper Midwest
  - b. Great Plains
  - c. Northeast
  - d. Southwest
17. According to Churchill, which activity was allowed to happen by the valiant efforts of the British Army?
- a. Farmers were allowed to harvest crops
  - b. Construction of a transcontinental railroad was completed by French troops
  - c. Troops were removed from London
  - d. Graveline water lines were flooded and held by French troops
18. Who was the leader of Belgium during the early years of World War II?
- a. Czar Nicholas
  - b. Prime Minister Mussolini
  - c. King Leopold
  - d. General Charles De Gaulle
19. Which organization did Parliament give the British military permission to put down their activities with a strong hand until they had been effectively stamped out in London?
- a. Fifth Column
  - b. Ku Klux Klan
  - c. Third Reich
  - d. Canadian Mounties
20. What country does Churchill refer to as the “New World”?
- a. Spain
  - b. United States
  - c. Russia
  - d. Mexico

**"So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."**

21. Who is credited with this famous quote?

- a. John Kennedy
- b. Lyndon Johnson
- c. Franklin Roosevelt
- d. Donald Trump

22. In his progress toward a resumption of work, what was one of Franklin Roosevelt's two required safeguards against a return to the evils of the old ways?

- a. Required membership in unions
- b. Increased number of educational facilities
- c. Improved sanitary conditions in factories
- d. Strict supervision of all banking and credits and investments

23. What did Franklin Roosevelt use as his foreign policy?

- a. Good Neighbor
- b. Dollar Diplomacy
- c. Big Stick
- d. Strict Isolation

24. According to the Eisenhower World War II memo, how will we be able to turn the tide?

- a. Fewer soldiers were able to enlist
- b. Home fronts have given the military an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war
- c. Reduced amount of food and clothing for troops
- d. Inability of manufacturers to produce tanks

- **Separates the Sinai Peninsula from the rest of Egypt**
- **One of the world's most important waterways**
- **Ships could avoid traveling all the way around Africa**

25. What geographic feature is being described?

- a. Suez Canal
- b. Panama Canal
- c. Erie Canal
- d. Sweetwater Canal

26. Which mountain peak in Nepal attracts thousands of climbers and hikers each year creating a growing tourist industry?

- a. Mount McKinley
- b. Mount Kilimanjaro
- c. Mount Kosciuszko
- d. Mount Everest

27. \_\_\_\_\_ is a European nation, because no part of it is more than 85 miles from the sea, that has one of the largest shipping fleets in the world.

- a. Chile
- b. Australia
- c. Greece
- d. Nigeria

28. What did the Chinese build in order to provide protection from invaders from the North?

- a. Demilitarized Zone
- b. Great Wall
- c. Berlin Wall
- d. International Date Line

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**Ready supply of natural resources to make and run machinery**

**Plentiful supply of raw materials needed to make cloth**

**A source of people who could be hired to work the machines**

29. What title finishes the chart?
- a. Green Revolution
  - b. Cascade Revolution
  - c. Bengal Revolution
  - d. Industrial Revolution
30. France's well-developed economy relies on agriculture and manufacturing. Most of its people, however, work in service industries. What are service industries?
- a. Home- or village-based industry in which family members supply their own equipment to make goods
  - b. Industries such as banking, commerce, communications and tourism
  - c. Industry that produces goods such as clothing, shoes, furniture and house-hold products
  - d. Industry that produces computers and other kinds of electronic equipment
31. Why is tapping the natural resources of Siberia very difficult?
- a. Harsh, cold climate
  - b. Close to ports
  - c. Dry, desert conditions
  - d. On a major trade route
32. Which African nation is home to the Serengeti National Park, that attracts many eco-tourists to view its natural wonders?
- a. Argentina
  - b. Pakistan
  - c. Tanzania
  - d. Canada
33. What organization does Saudi Arabia belong to that by increasing or reducing supply they are able to influence world oil prices?
- a. European Union
  - b. North Atlantic Treaty Organization
  - c. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
  - d. Warsaw Pact
34. \_\_\_\_\_, a Caribbean Island, contains mines of bauxite, a mineral used to make aluminum.
- a. Italy
  - b. India
  - c. Angola
  - d. Jamaica
35. Where is the center of operations for our country's piloted space flights?
- a. Cape Canaveral
  - b. Johnson Space Center
  - c. Space X
  - d. Lackland Air Force Base



36. Who turned his hobby of building computers into a business selling personal computers?
- a. Michael Dell
  - b. Leland Snow
  - c. John Lomax
  - d. David McComb

### Six Flags Over Texas



37. Which flag is missing on the chart?
- a. France
  - b. Poland
  - c. England
  - d. Germany
38. What mission was so important to the community of San Antonio that it became known as the “Queen of the Missions”?
- a. Corpus Christi de la Isleta
  - b. San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo
  - c. San Gabriel Archangel
  - d. San Francisco de los Tejas

39. Who is the Texas political leader in the picture?
- a. George Bush, Commissioner of General Land Office
  - b. Sid Miller, Commissioner of Agriculture
  - c. Ken Paxton, Attorney General
  - d. Glen Hegar, Comptroller of Public Accounts



- Mary Long Keel
  - Bert Richardson
  - Kevin Yeary
  - Michael Keasler
40. In which Texas political office do these individuals serve?
- a. Supreme Court of Texas
  - b. Texas Railroad Commission
  - c. State Board of Education
  - d. Court of Criminal Appeals

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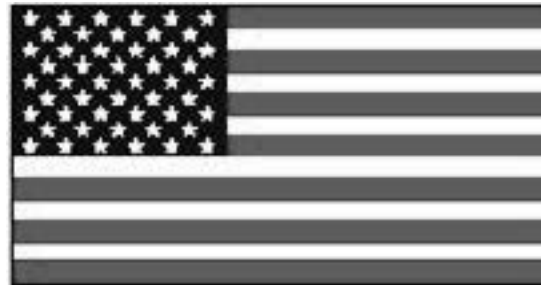
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1931-----1933

1. Who served as the Governor of Texas during this time period?
  - a. Coke Stevenson
  - b. Ross Sterling
  - c. Price Daniel
  - d. Beauford Jester

***"I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished."*** Franklin D. Roosevelt

2. How was the Depression somewhat less severe in Texas than it was in many other states?
  - a. Charities did not help the citizens
  - b. Cities added jobs that increased spending
  - c. Most Texas farmers could at least feed their own families
  - d. President Eisenhower and the Texas Governor supported government programs to help citizens economically
3. Which industry in Texas faced a severe crisis as the Depression deepened?
  - a. Computer
  - b. Automobile
  - c. Aero-space
  - d. Oil
4. What measures did Roosevelt and his advisors ask Congress to pass in order to fight the Depression?
  - a. New Deal
  - b. Dollar Diplomacy
  - c. Square Deal
  - d. Big Stick
5. Which Depression era author wrote stories and collections of folktales that captured many aspects of life in Texas?
  - a. Huddie Ledbetter
  - b. Miriam Ferguson
  - c. Woody Guthrie
  - d. J. Frank Dobie



6. Who was this nation's most decorated soldier of World War II, with 33 awards and medals?
  - a. Benito Rodriguez
  - b. Audie Murphy
  - c. Allan Shivers
  - d. Zachary Taylor

7. What environmental factors caused storms sometimes called black blizzards?
  - a. Drought and spring winds
  - b. Hurricanes and tornadoes
  - c. Spring rain and winds
  - d. Heavy snow and driving winds
  
8. What is NOT a factor used when studying population growth rate?
  - a. Birthrate
  - b. Gender distribution
  - c. Ecosystems
  - d. Death rate
  
9. Why was dense settlement in West Texas and the Panhandle more difficult in the early 1900s?
  - a. Lack of water and timber
  - b. Numerous ports and markets for goods
  - c. Warm, damp climate
  - d. Large numbers of educational facilities
  
10. What was the main port of entry in Texas for immigrants from Europe in the early 1900s?
  - a. Dallas
  - b. Ft. Worth
  - c. Galveston
  - d. San Antonio
  
11. James Oliver invented the \_\_\_\_\_ to help cut through the tough prairie sod.
  - a. Reaper
  - b. Tractor
  - c. Rake
  - d. Steel plow
  
12. What device enabled farmers to adapt to their environment by reaching huge supplies of underground water?
  - a. Thresher
  - b. Windmill
  - c. Bayous
  - d. Corrals
  
13. How did railroads NOT affect Texas cities?
  - a. Expansion of commercial agriculture
  - b. Growth of new jobs
  - c. Decreased trade
  - d. Continued settlement of the West Texas frontier

- **Texas Instruments**

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- **Collins Radio**

14. The growth of technology has spurred the Texas economy. What company, that led the world in computer production in the late 1990s, finishes the chart?
  - a. Silver Computers
  - b. Ford Computers
  - c. Motorola Computers
  - d. Dell Computers
  
15. Where was most of the cotton grown in Texas during the 1850s?
  - a. Along the Gulf Coast
  - b. Panhandle
  - c. West Texas
  - d. In Guadalupe Mountains

16. What was a major concern of many urban Texans in the early 1900s?
- Air-conditioning in homes
  - Sewage in drinking water
  - Fluoride in drinking water
  - Soil conservation practices
17. Who served as Chester Nimitz's father figure, following his father's death, and was credited with shaping his character and values?
- Grandfather, Charles Nimitz
  - Friend, Sam Rayburn
  - Uncle, William Nimitz
  - Brother, Otto Nimitz
18. Which position did Nimitz NEVER hold?
- Roving ambassador for the United Nations
  - Regent of the University of California
  - Chairman of the Presidential Commission of Internal Security and Individual Rights
  - Secretary of Navy
19. Where is the National Museum of the Pacific War located?
- Berkeley, California
  - Annapolis, Maryland
  - Fredericksburg, Texas
  - Wollaston, Massachusetts
20. Who was John Nance Garner's opponent in his race for County Judge in 1893?
- Oveta Culp Hobby
  - Mariette Rheiner
  - Ann Richards
  - Ralph Yarborough
21. What political action sealed the split between Garner and Franklin Roosevelt?
- National Labor Relations Act
  - Social Security Act
  - Court-Packing Plan of 1937
  - Public Utilities Act
22. Where was Oveta Culp Hobby born?
- Houston, Texas
  - Killeen, Texas
  - Belton, Texas
  - Abilene, Texas
23. Oveta Culp was asked by the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives to serve in what position?
- Legislative Parliamentarian
  - Sergeant at Arms
  - Congressional Historian
  - Postal Clerk
24. Who asked Hobby to draw up an organizational chart with recommendations on ways women could serve in the military?
- General George Crittenden
  - Brig. General Sullivan Ross
  - General Henry McCulloch
  - General David Searles



25. Why did the New England Colonies develop an economy based on small farms, fishing and trade?
- Long, cold winters; a short growing season; rocky soil
  - Short winters, long growing season; fertile soil
  - Virtually no growing season; frozen soil
  - Growing season varied with latitude; woods and streams

### Southern Colonies

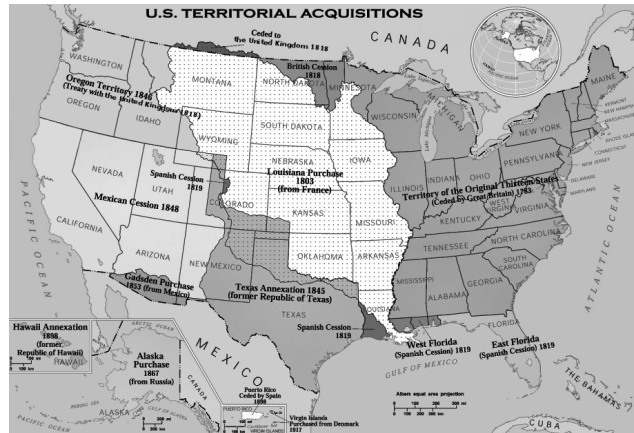
Climate	Nearly year-round growing season
Resources	Fertile soil
Economic Development	?

26. What type of economic development finishes the chart?
- Small farms
  - Timber and mining
  - Plantation economy
  - Large farms and cash crops of grain
27. Where was the backcountry in Colonial America?
- Between New York City and Buffalo, New York
  - Ran along the Appalachian Mountains through the far western part of the New England, Middle and Southern Colonies
  - Eastern Great Lakes region
  - Present-day states of California, Nevada, Utah, most of Arizona, and parts of New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming

- Skyscrapers
- Elevators
- Use of steel

28. What affect did these new technologies have on cities?
- Decreased housing
  - Increased pollution
  - Led to traffic congestion
  - Helped cities to house the millions of people who flocked there

29. Where were the Hudson and Delaware River Valleys with their rich soil and mild winters that were favorable for farming and raising livestock?
- Southern Colonies
  - Backcountry
  - Middle Colonies
  - New England Colonies
30. Which colonial area attracted many Scots-Irish immigrants?
- Southern Colonies
  - Backcountry
  - Middle Colonies
  - New England Colonies



31. What area, between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains, did the United States purchase for \$15 million?
- Louisiana Purchase
  - Mexican Cession
  - Northwest Territory
  - California
32. Which Trail was opened by traders traveling west in search of markets?
- Chisholm Trail
  - Preston Ridge Trail
  - El Camino Real
  - Santa Fe Trail
33. Who founded Chicago's Hull House, a model for other settlement houses?
- Lillian Wald
  - Jane Addams
  - Emily Dickinson
  - Margaret Smith
34. What is defined as the growth of cities resulting from industrialization?
- Urbanization
  - Equity
  - Reformation
  - Initiative
35. Which European country is wealthy partly because of oil and natural gas pumped from beneath the North Sea?
- Chile
  - Mexico
  - Sudan
  - Norway



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Ready supply of natural resources                      Plentiful supply of raw materials  
Supply of people as labor

36. What title finishes the chart?

- a. Progressive Era
- b. Enlightenment
- c. Industrial Revolution
- d. Gilded Age

37. Kenya's capital has become a center of business and commerce for all of East Africa yet many Kenyans remain poor. How has the economy of Kenya been hurt?

- a. Increased demand for gems
- b. Corrupt practices of government officials
- c. Large supplies of natural resources
- d. Increased farm products

38. Why is it hard for the young people of Nunavut to find jobs?

- a. Large amounts of oil and natural gas
- b. Fertile soil makes large crops of grain
- c. Not much industry in the region
- d. Mild climate

39. What is a limited government?

- a. Government in which leaders rule without any restrictions
- b. Government under the control of one all-powerful leader
- c. Form of government in which the king or queen governs with complete power
- d. Type of government where, through law, some control is placed on leadership's powers

40. Great Britain has a \_\_\_\_\_ type of government.

- a. Constitutional monarchy
- b. Absolute monarchy
- c. Dictatorship
- d. Democracy

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**Answer Key**

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| 1. B  | 21. C |
| 2. C  | 22. B |
| 3. D  | 23. A |
| 4. A  | 24. D |
| 5. D  | 25. A |
| 6. B  | 26. C |
| 7. A  | 27. B |
| 8. C  | 28. D |
| 9. A  | 29. C |
| 10. C | 30. B |
| 11. D | 31. A |
| 12. B | 32. D |
| 13. C | 33. B |
| 14. D | 34. A |
| 15. A | 35. D |
| 16. B | 36. C |
| 17. A | 37. B |
| 18. D | 38. C |
| 19. C | 39. D |
| 20. B | 40. A |