

Study Guide-HIS Test #1

1. The four themes of history are:

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2. Two main reasons England and other countries explored and colonized America:

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3. The colony founded as a relocation of inmates from England's overcrowded prisons was _____.

4. The colony founded by William Penn was _____.

5. The colony founded as a place for Catholics to worship freely was _____.

6. The colony originally founded by the Dutch and named New Amsterdam was renamed _____ when the English gained control of it.

7. The worldview that put man, not God, at the center of science and the world was known as _____.

8. The Founding Father who defended the British soldiers accused of killing colonists in the Boston Massacre was _____.

9. The author of the document "Common Sense" which explained in everyday language to the average colonist why the colonies must fight for independence was _____.

10. The name given to the men who formed our nation's first governing body was the _____.

11. The two battles of _____ and _____ marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

12. Written by Thomas Jefferson, this document outlined why the U.S. was justified in breaking away from British rule.

13. According to the agreement that ended the Revolutionary War known as the _____, Great Britain had to officially acknowledge the United States of America as its own independent nation.

14. What were the 4 most urgent issues facing the new nation after the end of the Revolutionary War?

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15. The legislative branch of the government consists of these two groups who introduce and vote on legislation: _____ and _____.

16. This branch of the federal government is responsible for determining the constitutionality of laws: _____.

17. This branch of the federal government contains the President and his Cabinet members: _____.

18. The _____ outlined the process for how American territories became states.

19. Why did the Northern free states want slaves to count for taxation purposes?

20. Why did the Southern slave states not want slaves to count for taxation purposes?

21. Why did the Southern slave states want slaves to count for representation purposes?

22. Why did the Northern free states not want slaves to count for representation purposes?

23. Describe the Federalists.

24. Describe the Republicans.

25. Name the first two political parties that formed during Washington's term as President:

1. _____
2. _____

Write the name of the political party next to the description:

26. _____ Considered to be wealthy elitists
27. _____ Supported by immigrants and the common man
28. _____ Led by Thomas Jefferson
29. _____ Led by Alexander Hamilton
30. _____ Favored a strong central/federal government
31. _____ Favored more power given to individual states

32. Jefferson dreamed of a nation whose western border would be the _____.

33. When the U.S. bought the land west of the Mississippi River from France, it doubled the size of the U.S. and is known as the _____.

34. The two men sent out to explore this new land we purchased as well as all the land that extended to the Pacific Ocean were named _____.

35. The British practice of capturing and forcing men into the British Navy was known as _____.

36. Americans outrage over what incident brought us into the War of 1812?

37. During the War of 1812, the British attacked, seized and set fire to what American city? _____

38. What War of 1812 general defeated the British in Florida and the Creek Indians in Alabama? _____

39. After two years of fighting, this agreement was made between the U.S. and Britian which ended the War of 1812, but, unfortunately, did not resolve the issues between them: _____.

Essay

40. Discuss the differences between the colonists and the British. Why was each side fighting?

41. Why is the Battle of Saratoga known as the turning point of the Revolutionary War?

42. Why were the Articles of Confederation weak?

43. Explain the Great Compromise.