

Colonization to Reconstruction Worksheet Questions

1. How did early humans come to North America?
2. How did geography shape the way Native Americans lived in the Great Plains?
3. Which countries began searching for new routes via the ocean?
4. Which was not a reason for European expansion?
 - a. Expand Trade
 - b. Spread Christianity
 - c. More Wealth
 - d. Spread democracy
5. New technologies mainly aided what kind of transportation?
6. During Christopher Columbus' time, did world maps include the Americas?
7. Why did Columbus and his crew call the America's the "NEW WORLD"?
8. Which Native American empires did Spanish conquerors overthrow?
9. What drove the Spanish to enslave the native population?
10. Which parts of the Americas did Spain control?
11. It is believed that what percent of the native population was wiped out by within 75 years of European contact?
12. Why did the Spaniards look to Africa as a labor source?
13. How was slavery in the Americas different from earlier forms of slavery?
14. How did the defeat of Spain's "INVINCIBLE ARMADA" effect its dominance of the North Atlantic?
15. What happened to many of the original inhabitants of Jamestown and the Virginia Colony?
16. What economic factors led to the increased population of Virginia?
17. When did the the French control the interior of North America?
18. What part of the United States did the Dutch control?
19. What was the driving force behind the creation of colonies of New England?
20. The Pilgrims were religious separatists from which church?
21. What was the Puritan plan in the "NEW WORLD" ?
22. How did religion influence education in New England?
23. Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson where banished from which colony?
24. Where did Massachusetts expand to after it's increase in population in the mid 1630's?
25. What were the main industries of the northern colonies?

26. Where did most residents live?
27. How did the Dutch lose control of parts of New York and New Jersey?
28. Why did Pennsylvania end up more diverse than surrounding areas?
29. Describe the major industries in the middle colonies.
30. Define an indentured servant.
31. The Southern colonies were dominated by what economic activity?
32. What were the major crops in the south?
33. What does a class division mean?
34. Define rural and urban.
35. What was the major reason for conflicts between the colonists and Native Americans?
36. What were the major causes of the American Revolution?
37. Why do you believe mercantilism contributed to anger in the colonies?
38. What 3 natural rights did Locke claim humans have?
39. How did the Great Awakening lead to democratic feelings on the part of the colonists?
40. Why did the population explode in the late 1600 and 1700s?
41. Where did the French and English want to expand in North America?
42. How did the French and Indian War contribute to unity in the colonies?
43. Which of the restrictive laws would upset you the most and why?
44. Why was the Stamp Act so upsetting to the colonists?
45. Describe the image on slide 56.
46. What happened to the British soldiers who killed colonists at the Boston massacre?
47. Why did the colonists dump tea in the harbor in 1773?
48. Why were the Committees of Correspondence important to the American Revolution?
49. Was there agreement among the delegates of the First Continental Congress, if not was was their major disagreement over?
50. Who was the be arrested in Lexington?
51. Describe the accomplishments of the Second Continental Congress.
52. In your opinion what were the colonists' greatest strengths?
53. In your opinion what were the greatest strengths of the British?

54. Who summed up the major reasons to separate from the English in a pamphlet?
55. Break down the Declaration of Independence in 3 parts.
56. What year did the Revolutionary War end?
57. What were the problems with the Articles of Confederation?
58. What signal did Shay's Rebellion send to the new government?
59. Who was president of the constitutional convention?
60. Describe the major groups at the convention including their opposite group.
61. Describe the major differences between the Virginia and the New Jersey plans.
62. Describe the bicameral compromise.
63. How did slaves appear in the Constitution?
64. Define federalism.
65. What does separation of powers mean?
66. Describe the beliefs of the Federalists.
67. Describe the beliefs of the AntiFederalists.
68. Who wrote the *Federalist Papers*?
69. Which states unanimously voted to ratify the constitution?
70. Who wrote the Bill of Rights?
71. Who was the first president of the United States?
72. The first political parties were very different in their opinions rooted in their belief of a certain level of government to be stronger than the other. Who believed in which?
73. How did Jefferson help solve the debt crisis?
74. Why did Washington want to stay out of European conflicts in the 1790s?
75. Why was the Whiskey Rebellion a testament to the strength of the new government?
76. Who was the second president?
77. What important land deal was made during Jefferson's presidency?
78. What was the long term significance of Lewis and Clark's journey?
79. Describe the mountain men.
80. Why was the War of 1812 so important to the credibility of the new nation?
81. What territory did President Monroe procure for the US?
82. What was the significance of the Monroe Doctrine?
83. Describe nullification.
84. Why were Native Americans moved in the 1830s?
85. Describe Manifest Destiny in your own words as much as possible.

86. How did new technologies contribute to Manifest Destiny?
87. What was a major reason the Mexican American War was entered by the Americans?
88. What was later discovered in the new territory?
89. How did the Gold Rush affect local Native Americans?
90. What region of the US did slavery mostly exist in?
91. How did expansion affect the balance of slave and free states?
92. How did the Missouri Compromise decide the future of slave states?
93. What did abolitionists believe?
94. Was it risky to be an abolitionist in a slave state?
95. Describe the Compromise of 1850.
96. How did popular sovereignty factor in the battle over slavery.
97. Why was the Dred Scott case important?
98. Who was John Brown?
99. Who was elected president in 1860?
100. What happened shortly thereafter?
101. What was the first battle of the Civil War?
102. Why did General Lee invade the north?
103. Why was the Battle at Antietam important for the north?
104. What did President Lincoln issue in part as a reaction to the victory at Antietam?
105. Why was Vicksburg location important?
106. Where did the south attempt to invade the north a second time?
107. Why was Sherman's march across Georgia important?
108. Describe Lee's surrender to Grant.
109. How many lives were lost in the Civil War?
110. How did it affect the two regions of the nation?
111. Translate the 3 issues facing the US after war's end into your own words as much as possible.
112. Breakdown 3 plans for Reconstruction.
113. Why did Radical Republicans feel Lincoln's plan was too lenient?
114. What two major pieces of legislation were passed by Radical Republicans?
115. What happened to President Lincoln?
116. What did President Johnson do about the Freedmen's Bureau's accomplishments after taking office?
117. Describe the Black Codes.
118. What happened when Congress reconvened in 1865?
119. What rights did the 14th amendment grant?
120. Describe the 15th amendment.

121. Why were the Congressional elections of 1866 so important to Radical Republicans?
122. How many military districts were there in the south?
123. How did the Reconstruction Acts affect African American participation in government?
124. What event led to the impeachment trial of President Johnson?
125. Who was elected president in 1868?
126. Define carpetbagger.
127. Define scalawags.
128. How did the sharecropping system hurt poor southerners?
129. What was the Ku Klux Klan?
130. How did Hayes' election affect the Reconstruction effort in the south?