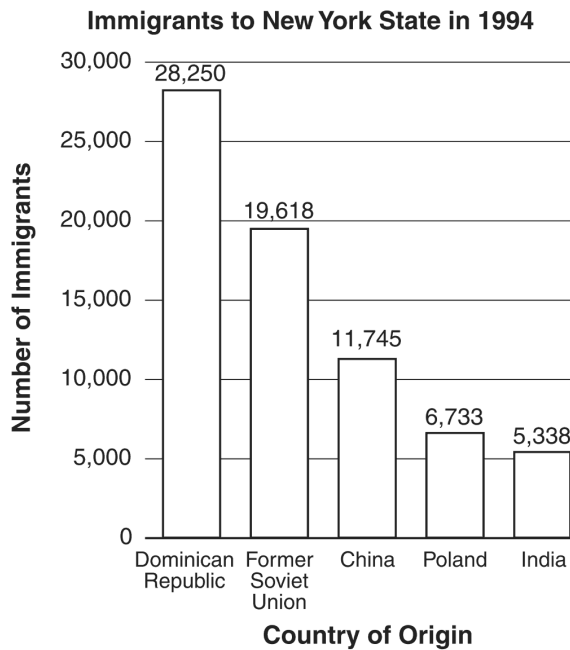


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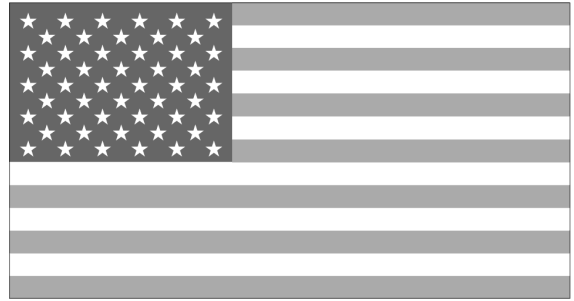
- 1 Base your answers to the questions on the graph below.



Which type of information about immigrants can be found in this graph?

- A. the number of immigrants who came to the United States
 - B. the countries that some of New York State's immigrants came from
 - C. the number of male and female immigrants
 - D. the number of immigrants who found jobs in New York State
- 2 In 1994, almost 20,000 immigrants came to New York State from
- A. the Dominican Republic
 - B. the former Soviet Union
 - C. China
 - D. Poland

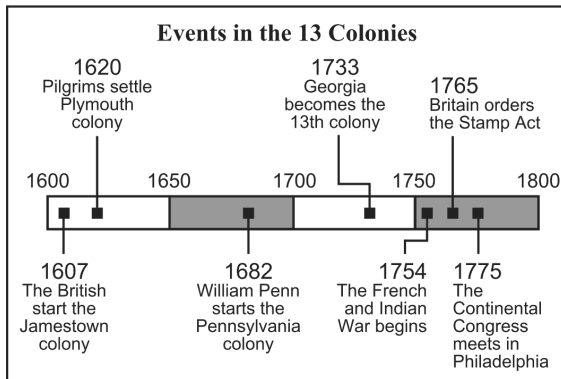
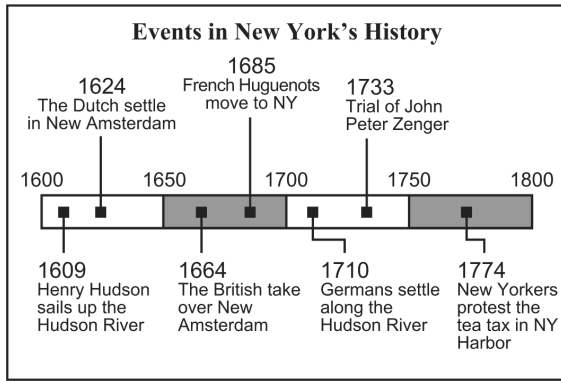
- 3 Base your answer to the question on the picture below and on your knowledge of social studies.



The thirteen stripes on this United States flag represent the number of

- A. original colonies
 - B. Revolutionary War battles
 - C. presidents of the United States
 - D. states in the Union
- 4 Memorial Day and Veterans Day both honor United States citizens for their service in the
- A. fire department
 - B. Senate
 - C. military
 - D. workforce
- 5 What was the main reason there were many Africans in the early colonies?
- A. They were forced to come to America as slaves.
 - B. They wanted farmland that was not available to them in Africa.
 - C. They were searching for religious freedom in America.
 - D. They wanted to live in a place that had a democracy.

- 6 Base your answers to the questions on the two time lines below that cover the same historical period.



When did the French Huguenots move to New York?

- A. 1624
- B. 1664
- C. 1685
- D. 1733

- 7 Which event happened in New York within five years of the Pilgrims settling the Plymouth colony?
- A. The French Huguenots moved to New York.
 - B. Henry Hudson sailed up the Hudson River.
 - C. The Dutch settled in New Amsterdam.
 - D. The trial of John Peter Zenger took place.

- 8 Nomads are most likely to
- A. form a permanent settlement
 - B. move from place to place
 - C. start a farm community
 - D. build a school

- 9 Base your answer to the question on the chart below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Selected Foods of the World

Food	Country
rice and black-eyed peas	Barbados
rice with garlic and fish sauce	Vietnam
basmati rice with vegetables	India
rice with green peas	Italy

Which statement is true based on the information listed in this chart?

- A. Most foreign foods are made with potatoes.
 - B. People in many countries eat rice.
 - C. Only countries in Asia cook with vegetables.
 - D. Black-eyed peas are popular in Italy.
- 10 One goal of Christopher Columbus, Jacques Cartier, and Henry Hudson was to

- A. settle New York State
- B. explore the Great Lakes
- C. start colonies in Virginia
- D. find a shorter water route to Asia

- 11 Base your answer to the question on the picture below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: *Communities*, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich

Which type of community is shown in this picture?

- A. rural B. suburban
C. metropolitan D. urban

- 12 Base your answer to the question on the partial outline below.

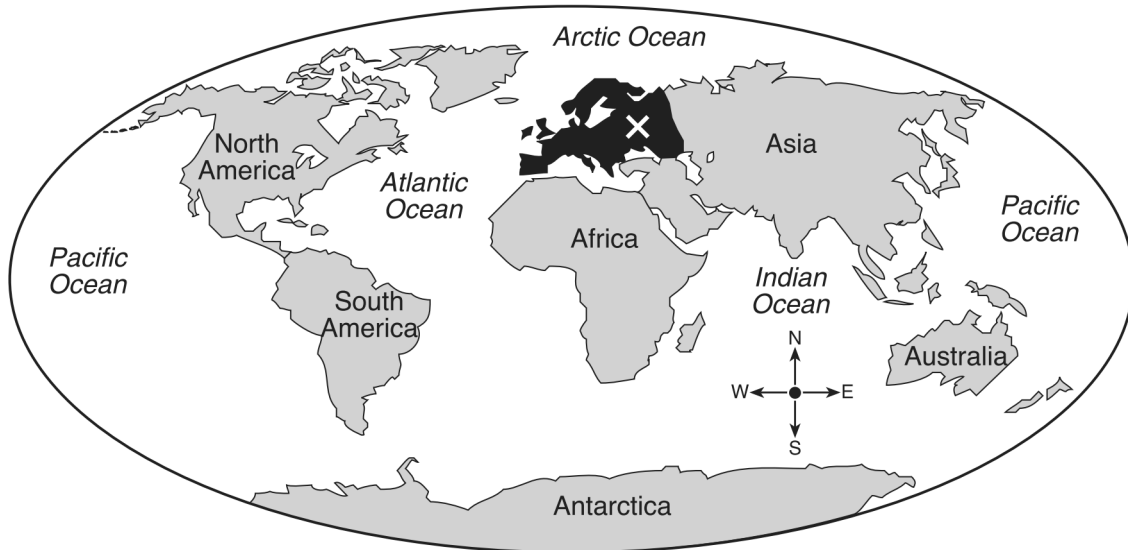
I. _____
A. Urban
B. Rural
C. Suburban

What is the best heading for this outline?

- A. Country Living
B. City Scenes
C. Kinds of Communities
D. Types of Jobs

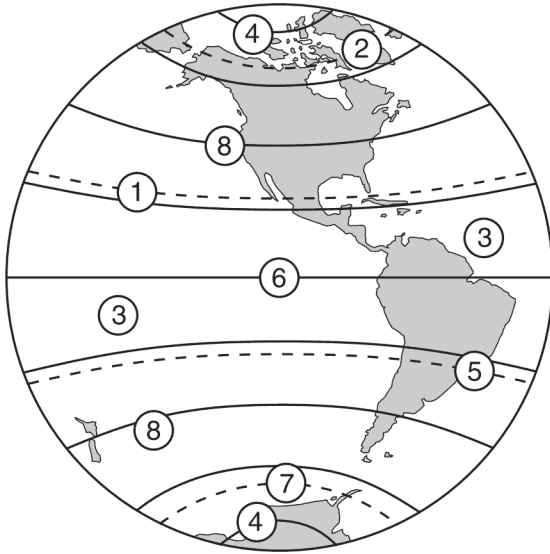
- 13 Base your answers to the questions on the world map below and on your knowledge of social studies.

The World



Which continent is identified by an X on the map?

- 14 Base your answer to the question on the map below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: G. Brown and A. Schule, *Your Country and Mine*, Ginn and Company, 1969 (adapted)

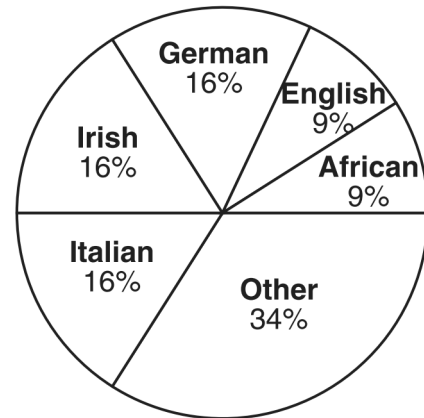
What is the name given to the line indicated by the number 6?

- A. prime meridian
 - B. equator
 - C. tropic of Capricorn
 - D. tropic of Cancer
- 15 Both the United States and Mexico are located on the continent of
- A. North America
 - B. South America
 - C. Africa
 - D. Europe
- 16 What is one major cause of air pollution in many modern nations today?
- A. smoke coming from factories
 - B. water flowing over dams
 - C. Sun heating homes
 - D. wind powering windmills

- 17 Which activity is an example of conservation?
- A. mining coal
 - B. recycling paper and plastic
 - C. drilling for oil
 - D. fishing commercially

- 18 Base your answers to the questions on the pie graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.

National Origins of New Yorkers, 1990



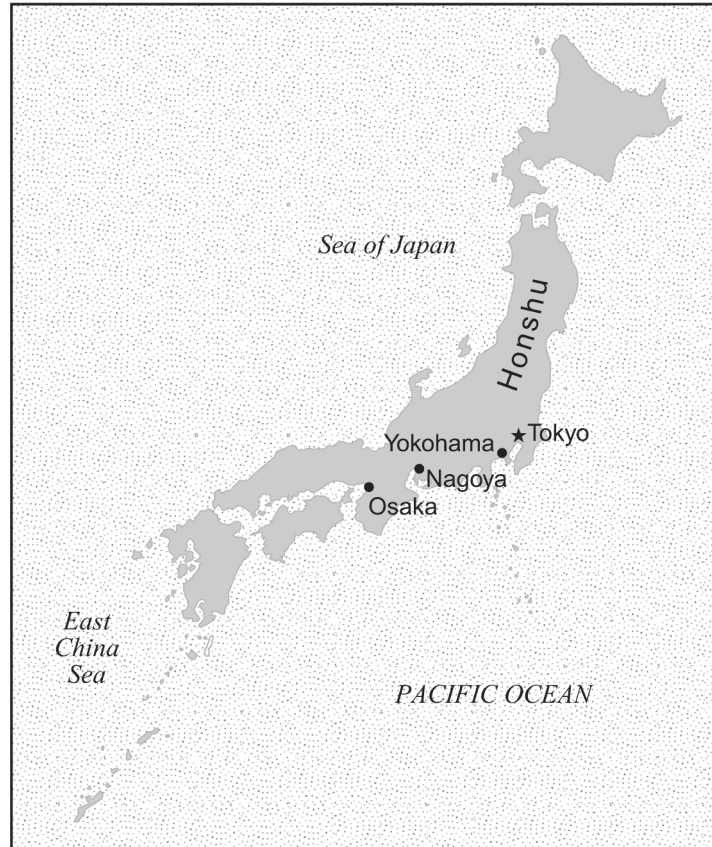
Source: James Killoran et al., *New York: Its Land and Its People*, Jarrett Publishing Co. (adapted)

According to this graph, which three national-origin groups had the same percentage of people in New York State in 1990?

- A. African, English, and German
 - B. English, German, and Irish
 - C. Irish, Italian, and African
 - D. German, Irish, and Italian
- 19 Which term is used to describe money collected to pay for the services that a community provides?
- A. savings
 - B. profit
 - C. interest
 - D. taxes

Base your answers to the questions on the map below and on your knowledge of social studies.

JAPAN

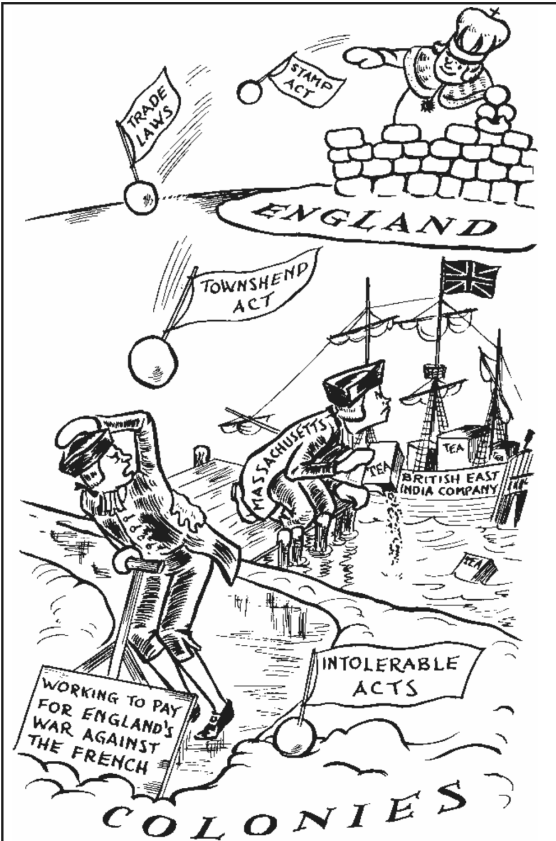


Source: www.graphicmaps.com (adapted)

... Four-fifths of the population of Japan live in cities. Japan's four main cities of Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, and Nagoya are located on [the island of] Honshu. These large cities resemble [are like] Western cities with concrete and steel office buildings, rush hour traffic jams, and a variety of stores, restaurants, and theaters....

Source: Jane Pofahl, Japan, Instructional Fair, 1996 (adapted)

- 20 What is the capital city of Japan?
- 21 What is *one* way Japanese cities are like many American cities?
- 22 What is *one* reason seafood is an important part of the Japanese diet?
- 23 Base your answers to the questions on the cartoon below.



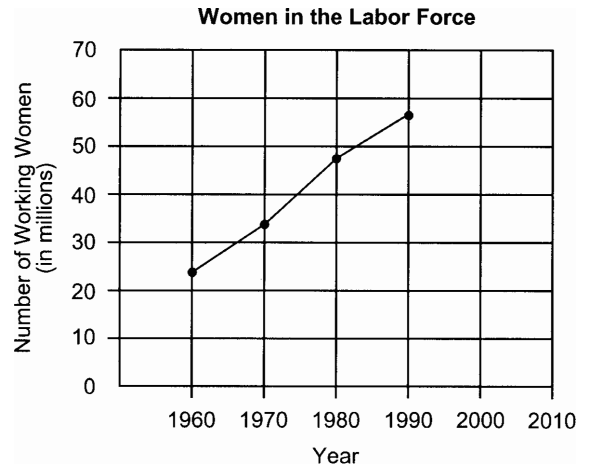
Some causes of the American Revolution

Source: Jeanne Schwartz, *The Story of New York State History*, Frank E. Richards Publishing Co., Inc. (adapted)

Which country passed these four “acts” or laws to tax the colonists?

- 24 What were these taxes used for?

- 25 Base your answers to the questions on the graph below.



Based on the pattern of women in the labor force shown on the graph, mark a point on the graph that shows where the number of working women would probably be in the year 2000.

- 26 During World War II, the number of American women working outside the home increased greatly because
- large numbers of men entered military service
 - high prices created a need for two family incomes
 - laws ending child labor created openings for women
 - government regulations forced industries to adopt hiring quotas

- 27 **“Finally, a . . . Winner”**

This newspaper headline announced the conclusion of a controversial presidential election in

- 1800
- 1860
- 1900
- 2000

Base your answers to the questions on the letter below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Letter from a Child Written During the Great Depression

Warren, Ohio
Dec. 22, 1935

Dear President Roosevelt,

Please help us my mother is sick three year and was in the hospital three month and she came out but she is not better and my Father is peralised and can not work and we are poor and the Cumunity fun gives us six dollars an we are six people four children three boy 15, 13, 12, an one gril 10, and to parents. We have no one to give us a Christmas presents. and if you want to buy a Christmas present please buy us a stove to do our cooking and to make good bread.

Please excuse me for not writing it so well because the little girl 10 year old is writing.

Merry Christmas
[Anonymous]

Source: Robert McElvaine (ed.), *Down and Out in the Great Depression*, The University of North Carolina Press

- 28 In which year was this letter written?
- 29 State *two* problems facing this family.
- 30 Name *one* New Deal program that helped people like those described in the letter.
- 31 The Quakers of Pennsylvania believed in religious toleration. This meant that they
- A. supported government control of religion
 - B. required children to attend religious schools
 - C. refused to join either side in a war
 - D. allowed others to practice their own religion
- 32 Which heading best completes the partial outline below?

I. _____

- A. Europeans establish colonies in North America.
- B. Millions of Native American Indians die from diseases.
- C. Enslaved Africans arrive in the Americas.
- D. Foods from the Americas are introduced in Europe.

- A. Causes of English Colonization
- B. Effects of the Exploration of the Americas
- C. Cultural Contributions of Native American Indians
- D. Discovery of the Northwest Passage

- 33 Base your answers to the following questions on the passage below and on your knowledge of social studies.

“...The removal of Cherokee Indians from their life long homes in the year of 1838 found me a young man in the prime of life and a Private soldier in the American Army. Being acquainted with many of the Indians and able to fluently speak their language, I was sent as interpreter into the Smoky Mountain Country in May, 1838, and witnessed the execution of the most brutal order in the History of American Warfare. I saw the helpless Cherokees arrested and dragged from their homes, and driven at the bayonet point into the stockades. And in the chill of a drizzling rain on an October morning I saw them loaded like cattle or sheep into six hundred and forty-five wagons and started toward the west... ”

—Private John G. Burnett,
Captain Abraham
McClellan’s Company,
2nd Regiment,
2nd Brigade, Mounted
Infantry, 1838-1839

The circumstances described in this passage were most directly related to

- A. experiences during the Middle Passage
- B. conditions on the Trail of Tears
- C. the results of the Fugitive Slave Law
- D. the basis for reforming the spoils system

- 34 Base your answers to the questions on the notice below and on your knowledge of social studies.

NOTICE!

TRAVELLERS intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies and Great Britain and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjacent to the British Isles; that, in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German Government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain, or of any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters and that travellers sailing in the war zone on ships of Great Britain or her allies do so at their own risk.

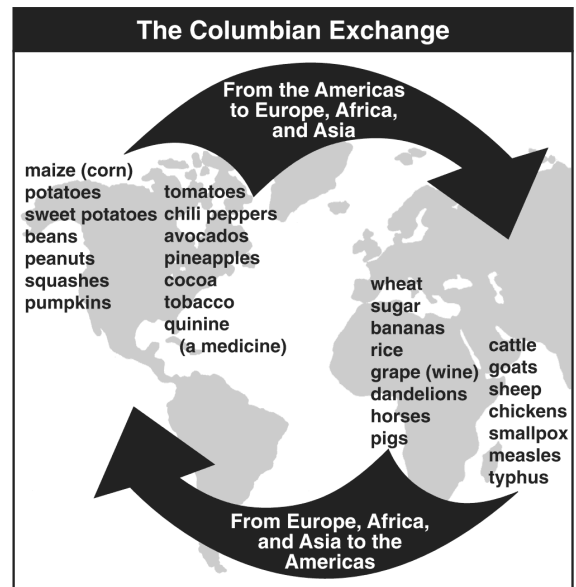
**IMPERIAL
GERMAN EMBASSY**

WASHINGTON, D.C.,
APRIL 22, 1915.

Which country warned international travelers with this newspaper notice?

- A. Canada B. Germany
- C. Great Britain D. United States
- 35 Which event happened shortly after this newspaper notice first appeared?
- A. World War I broke out in Europe.
- B. The United States declared war on Germany.
- C. The Allies won final victory over the Central Powers.
- D. The *Lusitania* was sunk off the coast of Ireland.

- 36 Base your answer to the question on the illustration below and on your knowledge of social studies.



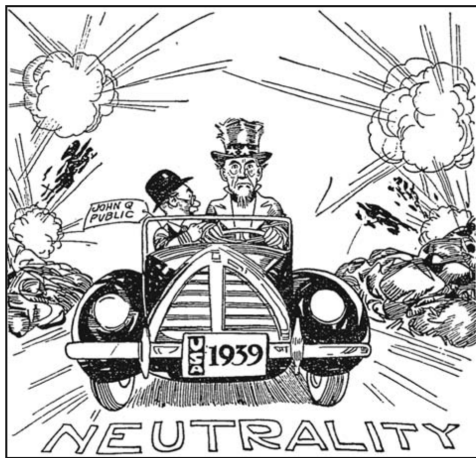
Source: *Guide to the Essentials of World History*, Prentice Hall (adapted)

A conclusion best supported by this illustration is that the Columbian Exchange

- A. increased the isolation between Europe and the Americas
- B. ended the slave trade in the Eastern Hemisphere
- C. led to the spread of disease to the natives of the Americas
- D. resulted in a decrease in trade between North America and Europe
- 37 What was one result of the Columbian Exchange (the Encounter)?
- A. Native American Indian populations continued to increase.
- B. The African slave trade ended.
- C. Diseases were spread to native populations.
- D. Spain's empire in the New World declined.

- 38 Which event of World War II is referred to as the Holocaust?
- A. invasion of Normandy
 - B. Bataan Death March
 - C. dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima
 - D. mass killing of European Jews, gypsies, and other minorities

- 39 Base your answer to the following question on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: Burt Thomas, *Detroit News*, reprinted in *New York Times*, September 10, 1939 (adapted)

This cartoon illustrates the attitude of the American public in response to the

- A. beginning of World War II
 - B. repeal of Prohibition
 - C. creation of the League of Nations
 - D. effects of the Great Depression
- 40 The Berlin airlift, the Korean War, and the Cuban missile crisis are all associated with the
- A. Progressive Era
 - B. New Deal
 - C. Great Society
 - D. Cold War

- 41 Base your answer to the question on the poster below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: John Newton Hewitt, War Manpower Commission, 1944

This poster was used during World War II to

- A. promote the sale of war bonds
 - B. remind citizens to conserve during the war
 - C. enlist women to serve in the armed forces
 - D. encourage women to seek jobs in war-related industries
- 42 Which geographic feature of the Atlantic coastline contributed most to the growth of colonial trade?
- A. many offshore islands
 - B. high, rocky cliffs
 - C. natural harbors
 - D. barrier reefs

- 43 Base your answer to the following question on the chart below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Resources of the North and South, 1861

Resources	North		South	
	Number	Percent of National Total	Number	Percent of National Total
Farmland	105,817,694 acres	65%	56,832,154 acres	35%
Railroad Track	21,847 miles	71%	8,947 miles	29%
Value of Manufactured Goods	\$1,794,417,000	92%	\$155,531,281	8%
Factories	119,500	85%	20,631	15%
Workers in Industry	1,198,000	92%	110,721	8%
Population	22,340,000	63%	9,103,000 (3,950,531 enslaved persons)	37%

Source: James West Davidson et al., *The American Nation*, Prentice Hall, 2000 (adapted)

Which statement is best supported by the information in the chart?

- A. The South had a greater percentage of workers in industry than did the North in 1861.
- B. The South had more farms than did the North in 1861.
- C. The North had many advantages over the South at the beginning of the Civil War.
- D. The North and South produced equal amounts of manufactured goods prior to the Civil War.

44 One major way the United States economy has changed since the 1960s is that

- A. jobs have shifted from manufacturing to service industries
- B. the number of small farms has increased while manufacturing has declined
- C. trade with foreign nations has decreased
- D. technology has lost its importance

45 **“Transportation Costs Rise as Gasoline Prices Reach Record High”**
“Unemployment Rate Drops 1.5% in Upstate New York”
“Threat of Recession Leads to Budget Cuts”

Which social scientist would most likely study the information reported in these headlines?

- A. psychologist
- B. archaeologist
- C. economist
- D. geographer

- 46 Base your answers to the following questions on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.

It's no use! He can't see that the fire is out.

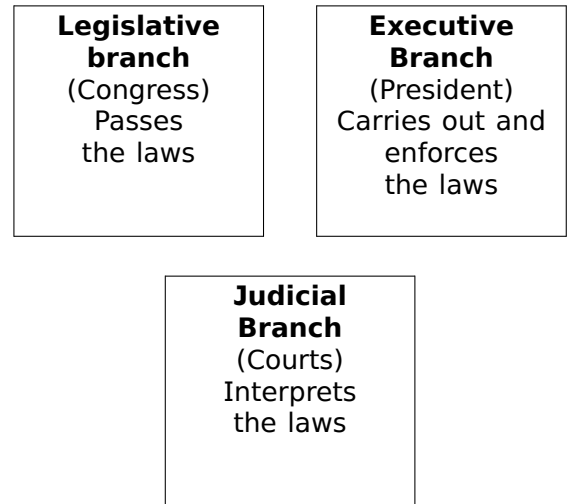


Source: Edwin Marcus, *The New York Times*, August 8, 1937 (adapted)

This 1937 cartoon shows the concern of some Americans that

- A. the government was spending too much money
 - B. too many Americans were overspending
 - C. social programs mainly benefited the rich
 - D. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was ignoring the needs of the people
- 47 The “separate but equal” principle established by the Supreme Court in *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896) resulted in the
- A. continuation of racial segregation
 - B. forced integration of schools in the South
 - C. loss of citizenship for African Americans
 - D. elimination of Jim Crow laws

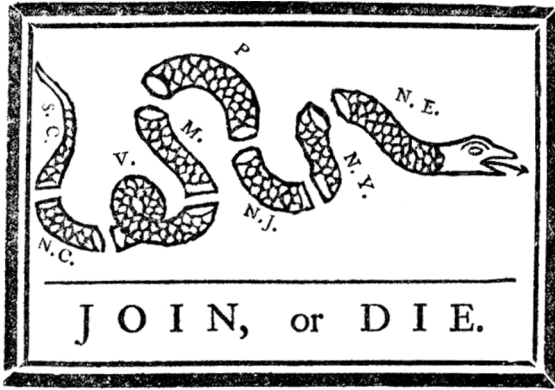
- 48 Base your answers to the questions on the chart below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Which conclusion about the system of government used in the United States is best supported by the chart?

- A. Voters elect the members of all three branches.
 - B. The president has the power to interpret the law.
 - C. The Supreme Court’s decisions about laws can be appealed.
 - D. Laws are affected by all three branches of government.
- 49 One way in which Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Gloria Steinem are similar is that each fought for
- A. the abolition of slavery
 - B. environmental protection
 - C. national Prohibition
 - D. women’s rights

50 Base your answer to the question on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: Benjamin Franklin, *Pennsylvania Gazette*

Which document is most closely associated with this cartoon drawn in 1754?

- A. Mayflower Compact
- B. Fundamental Orders of Connecticut
- C. Albany Plan of Union
- D. Emancipation Proclamation

51 Base your answers to the questions on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.

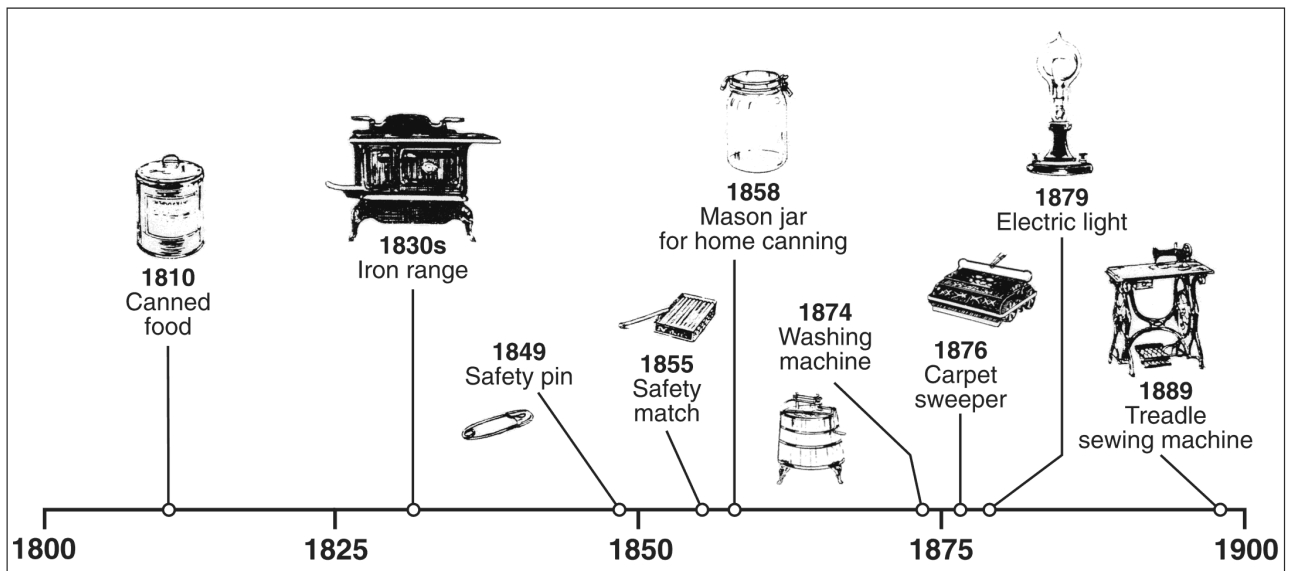
... Meanwhile, Back on the Home Front



Identify the main issue presented in this cartoon.

52 Base your answers to the questions on the time line below and on your knowledge of social studies.

New Products for the Home



Source: *The United States: Its History and Neighbors*, Harcourt Brace (adapted)

State *one* way the manufacturing of new products for the home affected American business.