Elementary Social Studies

Study Guide

Cycle 1

Correct answers are in bold

Early English Colonies in North America

1. In what year was the English colony of Jamestown founded?
   A. 1607 B. 1608 C. 1598 D. 1585

2. In 1613, a Jamestown settler kidnapped Chief Powhatan's favorite daughter. What was she called?
   A. Pocahontas B. Sacagawea C. Massasoit D. Squanto

3. What was Pocahontas's real name?
   A. Matoaka B. Wahunsenacawh C. Opechancanough D. Powhatanette

The Thirteen Colonies

4. How many years passed between the founding of Jamestown (1607) and the founding of Plymouth Colony (1620)?
   A. 13 B. 5 C. 24 D. 7

5. Founder of Plymouth Colony who wanted to break away from the Church of England were known as?
   A. Separatists B. Anglican C. Pilgrims D. Loyalists

6. What is a person who travels for a religious reason called?
   A. pilgrim B. settler C. merchant D. explorer

The American Revolution

7. Which term describes the colonies could only trade with Great Britain or British colonies?
   A. Navigation Acts B. Sugar Act C. Stamp Act D. Income Tax

8. On March 5, _____, soldiers shot and killed five colonists during a riot. This event became known as the Boston Massacre.
   A. 1770 B. 1794 C. 1776 D. 1798

9. After losing the Battle of Saratoga, British leaders decided to gain control of _____?
   A. the Southern Colonies B. the ports of New Orleans C. the Middle Colonies D. New England

Early 19th Century American History

10. Which president arranged the Lewis and Clark expedition?
    A. Thomas Jefferson B. Abraham Lincoln C. James Madison D. Andrew Jackson

11. The practice of forcing sailors on foreign ships to serve in the British army or name is called what?
    A. impressment B. conscription C. embargo D. blockade

12. Which war was the first war fought by the United States of America?
    A. War of 1812 B. Civil War C. WWI D. WWII

The Civil War and Reconstruction

13. The war ships used by the Union and the Confederacy were made of metal. They were called what?
    A. ironclads B. destroyers C. submarines D. battleships

14. In 1864, President Lincoln placed a general in charge of all the Union armies. Whom did he pick?
    A. Ulysses S. Grant B. Nathan T. Lane C. William T. Sherman D. George A. Custer

15. The time period after the Civil War is typically described as a rebuilding time. Which terms means that?
    A. Reconstruction B. Revolution C. Expansion D. Industrialization

World War I

16. What was World War I originally called?
A. The Great War B. The fist War C. European War I D. The European Revolution

17. World War I started in 1914. It ended four years later. In what year did World War I end?
A. 1918 B. 1915 C. 1920 D. 1944

18. Soldiers dug _____, or deep holes in the ground, to protect themselves from enemy fire.
A. trenches B. pits C. tunnels D. bunkers

The Great Depression

19. What is the most severe period of economic hardship in the 20th century known as?
A. The Great Depression B. The Great Hardship C. The Roaring 20s D. The Reformation

20. When did the Great Depression begin?
A. 1929 B. 1935 C. 1886 D. 1978

21. Who was the president of the United States at the start of the Great Depression?
A. Herbert Hoover B. William McKinley C. Franklin D. Roosevelt D. Harry Truman

World War II

22. How many years passed between the signing of the Treaty of Versailles and the beginning of World War II in Europe?
A. 20 B. 15 C. 23 D. 25

23. How many years passed between the United States entering World War II (1941) and Germany surrendering (1945)?
A. 4 B. 2 C. 8 D. 6

24. During WWII, Great Britain, Soviet Union, United States and China were called _____.
A. Allied Powers B. Western Powers C. Eastern Powers D. Axis Powers

Read Maps

25. Which of these states is farthest **north**?
A. Montana B. Utah C. Texas D. West Virginia

26. Which one is considered the prime meridian?
A. 0º B. 150º E C. 150º W D. 35º S

27. Which one is considered the equator?
A. 0º B. 60º N C. 45º S D. 35º E

Physical Geography

28. Which is a wide, mostly flat area of land without many trees?
A. plain B. valley C. mountain D. island

29. Which is a deep and narrow landform with steep cliffs on both sides?
A. canyon B. hills C. valley D. ravine

30. Which is a narrow strip of land with water on each side that acts like a bridge, connecting two larger pieces of land?
A. isthmus B. island C. gully D. ravine

Regions of the United States

31. Which is an area of the country that has similar features?
A. region B. landform C. continent D. parish

32. How many regions are in the Continental United States?
A. 7 B. 10 C. 8 D. 9

33. Which is not a region found in the United States?
A. Westnorth B. Northeast C. Rocky Mountain D. Southwest

States

34. In which state is the Grand Canyon found?
A. Arizona B. New York C. Washington D. West Virginia

35. Which state houses the Statue of Liberty?
A. New York B. Oklahoma C. Washington D. Indiana

36. In which state can you find Mount Rushmore?
A. South Dakota B. South Carolina C. Ohio D. Maine

State Capitals

37. What is the capital of Wyoming?
A. Cheyenne B. Arlington C. Manchester D. Lansing

38. What is the capital of Arizona?
A. Phoenix B. Des Moines C. Frankfort D. Tucson

39. What is the capital of Ohio?
A. Columbus B. Lexington C. Cleveland D. Jefferson City

Cities

40. Which is a city in California?
A. San Jose B. Salt Lake City C. Seattle D. Portland

41. Which is a city in Washinton?
A. Seattle B. San Diego C. Moab D. Portland

42. Which is a city in Louisiana?
A. New Orleans B. Los Angeles C. Atlanta D. Denver

Government

43. Which position is part of a state government?
A. governor B. mayor C. county judge D. president

44. What is a written plan for the government of the United States called?
A. Constitution B. Bill of Rights C. Magna Carta D. Declaration of Independence

45. Which amendment guarantees freedom of speech and freedom of religion?
A. 1st B. 13th C. 2nd D. 5th

American symbols, landmarks and monuments

46. Which symbol is commonly recognized as independence?
    A. Liberty Bell B. Statue of Liberty C. Uncle Sam D. Rose the Riveter

47. Which symbol is recognized as American women who helped during WWII?
    A. Rose the Riveter B. Uncle Sam C. Statue of Liberty D. The American Flag

48. Which symbol identifies the United States of America and has stars and stripes?
    A. The American Flag B. Rose the Riveter C. Liberty Bell D. Uncle Sam

American National Holidays

49. What is a symbol of the harvest?
    A. cornucopia B. fruits C. vegetables D. gourd

50. What is one way some people celebrate Thanksgiving?
    A. eating a big meal together B. asking for candies C. giving gifts D. popping fireworks

51. What is a good habit to practice at a Thanksgiving meal?
    A. moderation B. gluttony C. playing chess D. musical chairs

Basic Economic Principles

52. What are things that you must have to live or stay healthy and safe?
    A. needs B. wants C. opportunity costs D. supplies

53. What are things that you would only *like* to have?
    A. wants B. needs C. opportunity costs D. supplies

54. What are things people use to make goods and services?
    A. resources B. goods C. supply and demand D. wants

Supply and Demand

55. Oranges do not grow well in cold temperatures. After an unusually cold winter, what will probably happen to the overall supply of oranges?
    A. go down B. go up C. stay the same D. merge with another

56. In the 1970s, computers turned out to be popular with consumers, more companies started making and selling them. What happened to the overall supply of personal computers?
    A. went up B. went down C. stayed the same D. merged with another

57. Last year, canvas shoes were in style. This year, all the fashion magazines are showing leather shoes. What will probably happen to the overall supply of leather shoes over the next year?
    A. go up B. go down C. stay the same D. merge with another

Banking and Finance

58. The place banks keep your money in is called?
    A. accounts B. checks C. debit cards D. tap pay

59. Which is the oldest bank in the United States that was founded in 1784 by Alexander Hamilton?
    A. Bank of New York B. Bank of California C. Wells Fargo D. Bank of America

60. Which bank employee helps people put money into their accounts?
A. teller B. custodian C. bank manager D. bank president

Evaluating Sources

61. Kawanza celebrations last one week. This is an example of a _____.
A. a fact B. an opinion C. a though D. a conversation

62. WWI was fought from 1914-1918. This is an example of a _____.
A. a fact B. an opinion C. a though D. a conversation

63. The president has the toughest job in the world. This is an example of _____.
A. an opinion B. a fact C. a though D. a conversation

Chronology and Causation

64. On some timelines what does CE mean?
A. Common Era B. Calendar Event C. Christmas Era D. Current Era

65. Which timeline uses AD, Anno Domini, and BC, before Christ?
A. Gregorian Calendar B. Justinian Calendar C. Marcus Calendar D. Jason Calendar

66. In timelines, what does "around" or the abbreviation ca. mean?
A. circa B. nearing C. about D. around

Exploration and Colonization

67. **What Native American helped the Pilgrims survive in Plymouth?**
A. Sacagawea
B. Tecumseh
C. Squanto
D. Pocahontas
Answer: C. Squanto

68. **What was the Mayflower Compact?**
A. An agreement to govern themselves
B. A map to find gold
C. A list of supplies for their journey
D. A guide to grow crops
Answer: A. An agreement to govern themselves

American Revolution

69. **Who was the main author of the Declaration of Independence?**
A. George Washington
B. Benjamin Franklin
C. Thomas Jefferson
D. John Adams
Answer: C. Thomas Jefferson

70. **What is the name of the first battle of the American Revolution?**
    A. Battle of Yorktown
    B. Battle of Bunker Hill
    C. Battle of Lexington and Concord
    D. Battle of Saratoga
    Answer: C. Battle of Lexington and Concord

71. **What treaty ended the American Revolution?**
    A. Treaty of Versailles
    B. Treaty of Ghent
    C. Treaty of Paris (1783)
    D. Declaration of Independence
    Answer: C. Treaty of Paris (1783)

Formation of a New Nation

72. **What meeting created the U.S. Constitution?**
    A. Constitutional Convention
    B. Congress of Vienna
    C. First Continental Congress
    D. Treaty of Paris
    Answer: A. Constitutional Convention

73. **What does the Constitution do?**
    A. Makes laws
    B. Explains how the government works
    C. Declares independence
    D. Collects taxes
    Answer: B. Explains how the government works

Westward Expansion

74. **Who were the leaders of the expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory?**
    A. Lewis and Clark
    B. Sacagawea and Tecumseh
    C. Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett
    D. Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin
    Answer: A. Lewis and Clark

75. **What was the Oregon Trail?**
    A. A path used by settlers moving west
    B. A railroad connecting east and west
    C. A battle during the Civil War
    D. A treaty with Native Americans
    Answer: A. A path used by settlers moving west

76. **What was the Gold Rush?**
    A. A war for land in California
    B. A time when people moved to California to find gold
    C. A treaty with Spain over gold mines
    D. A law to make gold coins
    Answer: B. A time when people moved to California to find gold

77. **What did the Homestead Act give to settlers?**
    A. Free land to farm
    B. A way to start businesses
    C. A guide for traveling west
    D. Gold and silver
    Answer: A. Free land to farm

The Civil War

78. **What document declared enslaved people in Confederate states free?**
    A. Bill of Rights
    B. Emancipation Proclamation
    C. Declaration of Independence
    D. Articles of Confederation
    Answer: B. Emancipation Proclamation

79. **What speech did Abraham Lincoln give to honor soldiers and redefine the purpose of the war?**
    A. Gettysburg Address
    B. Emancipation Proclamation
    C. Farewell Address
    D. Declaration of Freedom
    Answer: A. Gettysburg Address

Modern U.S. History

80. **What was the goal of the women's suffrage movement?**
    A. To end slavery
    B. To give women the right to vote
    C. To stop child labor
    D. To start new colonies
    Answer: B. To give women the right to vote

81. **Who is famous for refusing to give up her seat on a bus in 1955?**
    A. Harriet Tubman
    B. Rosa Parks
    C. Susan B. Anthony
    D. Eleanor Roosevelt
    Answer: B. Rosa Parks

Famous Individuals

82. **Who flew the first airplane?**
    A. Henry Ford
    B. Wright Brothers
    C. Amelia Earhart
    D. Charles Lindbergh
    Answer: B. Wright Brothers

Geography

83. **What mountain range is located in the eastern United States?**
    A. Rocky Mountains
    B. Appalachian Mountains
    C. Sierra Nevada
    D. Cascade Range
    Answer: B. Appalachian Mountains

Cultural Milestones

84. **Who is famous for inventing the light bulb?**
    A. Benjamin Franklin
    B. Alexander Graham Bell
    C. Thomas Edison
    D. Nikola Tesla
    Answer: C. Thomas Edison

85. **What was the first U.S. national park?**
    A. Yellowstone
    B. Yosemite
    C. Grand Canyon
    D. Great Smoky Mountains
    Answer: A. Yellowstone

Events

86. **What war ended with the Treaty of Paris in 1763?**
    A. American Revolution
    B. French and Indian War
    C. War of 1812
    D. Civil War
    Answer: B. French and Indian War

87. **What major event caused economic hardship in the 1930s?**
    A. Civil War
    B. Dust Bowl
    C. Great Depression
    D. World War II
    Answer: C. Great Depression

Key Documents

88. **What document ended slavery in the United States?**
    A. Emancipation Proclamation
    B. 13th Amendment
    C. Declaration of Independence
    D. Articles of Confederation
    Answer: B. 13th Amendment

Miscellaneous

89. **What U.S. state is known as the "Sunshine State"?**
    A. California
    B. Florida
    C. Texas
    D. Arizona
    Answer: B. Florida
90. **What year did the United States land astronauts on the moon?**
    A. 1965
    B. 1969
    C. 1971
    D. 1980
    Answer: B. 1969

91. **Which holiday celebrates the end of slavery in the United States?**
    A. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
    B. Independence Day
    C. Juneteenth
    D. Labor Day
    Answer: C. Juneteenth

Famous Individuals

92. **Who was the first African American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court?**
    A. Thurgood Marshall
    B. Clarence Thomas
    C. Martin Luther King Jr.
    D. Booker T. Washington
    Answer: A. Thurgood Marshall

93. **Who founded the Red Cross?**
    A. Clara Barton
    B. Florence Nightingale
    C. Susan B. Anthony
    D. Abigail Adams
    Answer: A. Clara Barton

Events

94. **What did the Monroe Doctrine declare?**
    A. Freedom of speech
    B. That European countries could not colonize the Americas
    C. That slavery was illegal
    D. That the U.S. would enter World War I
    Answer: B. That European countries could not colonize the Americas

Key Documents

95. **What are the first three words of the Constitution?**
    A. “In the beginning”
    B. “We the People”
    C. “Life, Liberty, Happiness”
    D. “For the People”
    Answer: B. “We the People”

Cultural Milestones

96. **What is celebrated on Memorial Day?**
    A. The signing of the Declaration of Independence
    B. Honoring soldiers who died in military service
    C. Celebrating American workers
    D. The end of World War II
    Answer: B. Honoring soldiers who died in military service

97. **What U.S. holiday honors the contributions of workers?**
    A. Veterans Day
    B. Labor Day
    C. Independence Day
    D. Memorial Day
    Answer: B. Labor Day

U.S. Presidents

98. **Which President signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964?**
    A. John F. Kennedy
    B. Lyndon B. Johnson
    C. Richard Nixon
    D. Dwight D. Eisenhower
    Answer: B. Lyndon B. Johnson

99. **Which U.S. President led the country during the Great Depression and World War II?**
A. Herbert Hoover
B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
C. Harry S. Truman
D. Dwight D. Eisenhower
Answer: B. Franklin D. Roosevelt

100. **Which President is remembered for the New Deal programs?**
A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
B. Woodrow Wilson
C. Herbert Hoover
D. Harry S. Truman
Answer: A. Franklin D. Roosevelt