

FOURTH TERM EXAM Answer / Language & Culture

Level: 2nd year / Group: 01, 02, 03, 04.

Full Name :.....**Group** :.....

Underline the right answer : (2pts)

The United States of America described as a melting pot because of:

The immigrants

The war

The cultural diversity

The United States of America is made up of:

50 Continental state

46 Continental state

48 Continental states

Giovanni Verrazano was an Italian sailor sent to America by:

King Henry of England

King Francis I of France

Jacques Cartier gave France a claim to what would after many years become:

New York

Canada

Mexico

Answer the following questions:

➤ There was a legend tells how an Irish monk landed in America in 551 AD, what do you know about it?(1pt)
Brandon the bold landed in America in 551 AD, according to 1500 year old Irish tale. In the winter of his 93 years old of life . He decided to go in pursuit of the fabled Garden of Eden. He was fasting and praying on the top of a mountain when he heard a voice calling him to visit what behind the crashing waves of the Atlantic. The tale said that he landed in America.

➤ In 1953, a plaque was set up at Mobile Bay, reads «In memory of Prince Madoc. Explain why. (1.5pt)
Peoples think that Prince Madoc discovered America in 1170, 300 years before Columbus. He sailed in 10 ships and discovered the south of America, whether true or myth, was used by the Queen Elizabeth I as an evidence to the British to claim more lands in America during their territorial struggles with Spain. They said he landed in now days Alabama.

➤ Why did European geographers give the name America to the lands that Columbus discovered?(1pt)
The reason is that to the end of his life Columbus believed that his discoveries were part of Asia, the man who did the most to correct this mistaken idea was Amerigo Vespucci. To honor him they gave the feminine form of his first name since all the continents had female names.

➤ What are the evidences founded in the now days USA that support the Viking settlement there?(1.5pt).
In the 1960's archeologists found the foundations of huts built in Viking style. They also found Iron nails and the weight, or whorl from a spindle.

➤ The Viking were famous of telling stories called "sagas", what do you know about the saga of "Leif Ericson"? (1.5pt)

The Saga of Leif Ericson tells how he sailed from Greenland to the Eastern coast of North America in about the year 1000 AD. When he found Vines with grapes on them. He named the place where he landed Vinland the Good.

➤ When and how the distant ancestors of the Amerindians came to America?(1pt)
Scientists believe that the distant ancestors of the Amerindians came to America from Asia. This happened during the earth's last ice age, at that time a bridge of ice joined Asia to America across what is now the Bering Strait.

➤ What was the reason that led the Amerindians to stop wandering and follow a more settled way of life?(1pt)

For many centuries early Amerindians lived as wandering hunters and gatherers of food, then a more settled way of life began. People living in highland areas of what is now Mexico found a wild grass with tiny seeds

that were good to eat. These people became America's first farmers, they cultivated the wild grass with great care to make its seeds larger, eventually it became Indian corn, or maize.

➤ Who were the Conquistadores? **(1pt)**

Spanish warriors and fighters sailed to America looking for Gold and precious metals, they destroyed the two wealthy cities of Inca and Aztec.

➤ The Spanish explorers when looking for the 7 cities of gold found another village instead. Name it?**(1pt)**
They found another Amerindian Village called CIBOLA.

➤ Why and when did HERNAN Cortez and FRANCISCO Pizarro destroy the AZTEC and the INCA?**(1.5pt)**

HERNAN Cortez conquered the Aztecs in the 1520's because it was a wealthy city built by Amerindians, he destroyed it when looking for the Gold and other precious metals.

FRANCISCO Pizarro attacked the equally wealthy empire of the INCAS of Peru in the 1530's and the same lust for gold was the reason why they destroyed it.

➤ Journeys of men such as De Soto and Coronado led to the founding of some permanent European settlements in America, give two (02) examples. **(1pt)**

S.T Augustine in 1565 in Florida

Santa Fe in 1609 in what is now New Mexico.

➤ Most people divided the American Thirteen Colonies into three main groups, each group had its own way of life and character, explain why and illustrate with examples. **(2pts)**

In the far north was the New England group, centered on Massachusetts, since the time of the Pilgrims the people of New England had spread inland and along the coast. Most were small farmers or craftsmen working the stony soil and governing themselves in small towns and villages. Other New Englanders depended on the sea for a living. They felled the trees of the region's forests to build ships, in these they sailed to catch cod or to trade with England and the West Indies. Boston and other coastal towns grew into busy ports, their prosperity depended on trade.

The nearest colonies to the south of New England were called the Middle Colonies, the biggest were New York and Pennsylvania. As in New England most of their people lived by farming. But in the growing number of craftsmen and merchants. Philadelphia was the capital of Pennsylvania, by 1770 it was the largest city in America with 28,000 inhabitants. The people of the Middle Colonies were- usually more tolerant of religious and other differences than the New Englanders. Many of them also had German, Dutch or Swedish ancestors rather than English ones.

The Southern Colonies of Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia formed the third group, in their hot and fertile river valleys wealthy landowners farmed large plantations, they lived in fine houses, with wide cool verandahs from which they could look out over their fields of tobacco or cotton. Most of the work in the fields was done by black slaves. Slavery was rare in the other American colonies. But the prosperity of the plantation-owning southerners was already beginning to depend upon it.

➤ Give the names of colonies formed the New England group of colonies? **(1pt)**

Massachusetts and Maine / New Hampshire / Rhode Island / Connecticut.

➤ Today's Americans like to think that many of the best values and attitudes of the modern United States can be traced back to the **Frontier** experiences of their pioneer ancestors. Explain and illustrate.**(2pts)**

A special spirit, or attitude, grew out of this frontier way of life. People needed to be tough, independent and self-reliant. Yet they also needed to work together, helping each other with such tasks as clearing land and building houses and barns. The combination of these two ideas, a strong belief that individuals had to help themselves and a need for them to cooperate with one another strengthened the feeling that people were equal and that nobody should have special rights and privileges.

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