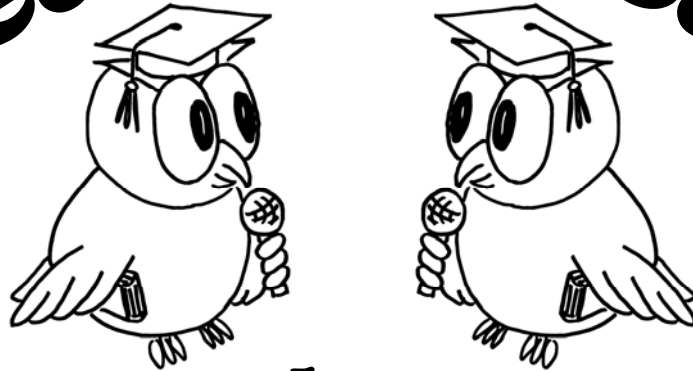


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**Let's Go!**

# **Social Studies**

**Practice Test**

- 1 Which American president said, "Tear down this wall." in an effort to destroy the Berlin Wall?
  - A. Bill Clinton
  - B. Harry Truman
  - C. Ronald Reagan
  - D. John F. Kennedy
  
- 2 Attila the Hun was the leader of the Hun Empire during this time period.
  - A. 433-453 AD
  - B. 453-433 BC
  - C. 120-137 AD
  - D. 137-120 BC
  
- 3 An oligarchy is a form of government where the political power rests with:
  - A. One person
  - B. A royal family
  - C. A majority of the people
  - D. A small group of people
  
- 4 Queen Isabella and King \_\_\_\_\_ of Spain were major sources of funding for Christopher Columbus's 1492 voyage.
  - A. Pablo
  - B. Ferdinand
  - C. Juan
  - D. Hernando
  
- 5 "An arm of the sea that extends inland to meet the mouth of a river" describes this landform.
  - A. Cape
  - B. Horn
  - C. Estuary
  - D. Lagoon
  
- 6 This is the term used in mapmaking for the representation of the earth's curved surface on a plane.
  - A. Projection
  - B. Elevation
  - C. Cartography
  - D. Pictography

- 7 The Jamestown Settlement was founded in which American colony in 1607?
- A. Massachusetts
  - B. Georgia
  - C. Virginia
  - D. South Carolina
- 8 In which country will you find the Taj Mahal?
- A. Nepal
  - B. India
  - C. China
  - D. Turkey
- 9 This is the term for a society without government or law.
- A. Anarchy
  - B. Monarchy
  - C. Oligarchy
  - D. Patriarchy
- 10 The ancient Romans constructed extensive systems of arches joined together with a channel on top to carry water. These were called:
- A. Aquifers
  - B. Aqueducts
  - C. Water tables
  - D. Artesian wells
- 11 Which of the following political leaders would NOT be considered a dictator?
- A. Kim Jong il
  - B. Fidel Castro
  - C. Barak Obama
  - D. Muammar al-Gaddafi
- 12 Which American president faced two assassination attempts within three weeks, both by women and both in California?
- A. Ronald Reagan
  - B. Richard Nixon
  - C. Jimmy Carter
  - D. Gerald Ford

- 13 A “spit” is a landform found off of:
- A. Mountains
  - B. Rivers
  - C. Plains
  - D. Coasts
- 14 By what other name are members of the Religious Society of Friends known?
- A. Quakers
  - B. Amish
  - C. Puritans
  - D. Mennonites
- 15 “Norse” is an adjective relating to things from what area of the world?
- A. The British Isles
  - B. The Near East
  - C. Scandinavia
  - D. Central America
- 16 In economics, what is the term used to describe the cost of the most valuable forgone alternative?
- A. Marginal rate of return
  - B. Opportunity cost
  - C. Econometrics
  - D. Standard deviation
- 17 In which province will you find Ottawa, the national capital of Canada?
- A. Quebec
  - B. Ontario
  - C. Alberta
  - D. British Columbia
- 18 What was the nickname of the Persian Gulf War that took place in 1990/1991?
- A. Desert Force
  - B. Desert Rescue
  - C. Desert Storm
  - D. Desert Wind

- 19 Where in Michigan will you find Charity Island and Little Charity Island?
- A. Saginaw Bay
  - B. Straits of Mackinac
  - C. Lake Superior
  - D. Grand Traverse Bay
- 20 In a plutocracy, political power is held by:
- A. The wealthy
  - B. Scholars
  - C. Elected officials
  - D. The eldest members of the society
- 21 What is the term for the symbol on a map that represents the directions?
- A. Scale bar
  - B. Compass rose
  - C. Legend
  - D. Cartogram
- 22 Where is Liberty Bell Center (current home of the Liberty Bell)?
- A. Washington DC
  - B. Pennsylvania
  - C. Massachusetts
  - D. Maryland
- 23 On what island will you find the Statue of Liberty?
- A. Ellis Island
  - B. Governor's Island
  - C. Liberty Island
  - D. Staten Island
- 24 Emperor Constantine I renamed this ancient city "Constantinople."
- A. Carthage
  - B. Pompeii
  - C. Babylon
  - D. Byzantium

- 25 Which of the following best describes the function of the Federal Reserve?
- A. It prints money
  - B. It manages the national debt
  - C. It controls imports and exports
  - D. It is responsible for the national money supply and monetary policy
- 26 The social system of feudalism was based on a relationship of obligations and mutual service between lords and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Vassals
  - B. Serfs
  - C. Fiefs
  - D. Aristocrats
- 27 Who was the only American president to serve more than three full terms?
- A. George Washington
  - B. Thomas Jefferson
  - C. Theodore Roosevelt
  - D. Franklin Roosevelt
- 28 The first three Articles of the United States Constitution deal with:
- A. The separation of federal, state and local governments
  - B. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press and the right to bear arms
  - C. Legislative, executive and judicial branches of government
  - D. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
- 29 Which Spanish explorer was credited with discovering the Mississippi River?
- A. Hernán Cortés
  - B. Francisco Pizarro
  - C. Juan de Fuca
  - D. Hernando de Soto
- 30 Which country was NOT a member of the Central Powers during World War I?
- A. Germany
  - B. Russia
  - C. Bulgaria
  - D. Austria-Hungary

- 31 The Treaty of \_\_\_\_\_ formally ended the American Revolution in 1783.
- A. Versailles
  - B. London
  - C. America
  - D. Paris
- 32 The science that deals with the production, distribution and consumption of goods is known as:
- A. Economics
  - B. Marketing
  - C. Accounting
  - D. Mercantilism
- 33 What is the capital of the state of New Mexico?
- A. Albuquerque
  - B. Rio Rancho
  - C. Las Cruces
  - D. Santa Fe
- 34 Where will you find the Baltic States?
- A. Canada
  - B. Southern Europe
  - C. Northern Europe
  - D. South America
- 35 What country issued the document of rights and freedoms known as the Magna Carta?
- A. Italy
  - B. England
  - C. France
  - D. Spain
- 36 What is the largest island in the world that is not considered to be a continent?
- A. Greenland
  - B. Madagascar
  - C. Iceland
  - D. New Guinea

- 37 What term best describes the form of government Italy under the rule of Benito Mussolini?
- A. Communist
  - B. Fascist
  - C. Socialist
  - D. Nazi
- 38 “Renaissance” is a French term that means:
- A. Learning
  - B. Rationality
  - C. Rebirth
  - D. Philosophy
- 39 What is the capital of China?
- A. Shanghai
  - B. Hong Kong
  - C. Beijing
  - D. Tianjin
- 40 What is the term for an alteration in the United States Constitution?
- A. Amendment
  - B. Reconstitution
  - C. Transfiguration
  - D. Modification
- 41 Which of these was NOT one of the original thirteen colonies?
- A. Rhode Island
  - B. New York
  - C. Georgia
  - D. Florida
- 42 In which American city will you find the Gateway Arch?
- A. New York
  - B. Denver
  - C. Chicago
  - D. St. Louis



- 43 Who was the President of the Confederate States of America between 1861 and 1865?
- A. Jefferson Finis Davis
  - B. Ulysses S. Grant
  - C. Robert E. Lee
  - D. William Tecumseh Sherman
- 44 In what year did women get the right to vote in America?
- A. 1776
  - B. 1845
  - C. 1920
  - D. 1947
- 45 Which American president made the decision to drop the atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
- A. Harry S. Truman
  - B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - C. Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - D. Woodrow Wilson
- 46 The Medicis were a powerful and influential family in this Italian city.
- A. Rome
  - B. Naples
  - C. Venice
  - D. Florence
- 47 The price of products in a competitive market is determined by:
- A. Government
  - B. Supply and demand
  - C. The Consumer Price Index
  - D. The United States Treasury
- 48 Which of the following countries is NOT considered to be part of the Near East?
- A. Syria
  - B. Lebanon
  - C. Jordan
  - D. Laos

- 49 What major European river flows through Budapest, Hungary?
- A. Volga
  - B. Danube
  - C. Rhône
  - D. Ural
- 50 The Peloponnesian War was an ancient \_\_\_\_\_ military conflict.
- A. Greek
  - B. Roman
  - C. Egyptian
  - D. Persian

Congratulations!

Thanks for sharpening your  
Social Studies skills.

Good luck in competition!

# Social Studies Answer Key

## Practice Test

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