

Civics - 1st Nine Weeks Benchmark

Colonial America - Part I

1. What marked the beginning of self-government in colonial America?
2. The Pilgrims sailed to the New World aboard the _____ although it was small and not their first choice.
3. Which country financed Columbus's voyage across the Atlantic in 1492?
4. What product did the Jamestown colony produce and sell to England for a profit?
5. _____ would emerge as a leader of the Pilgrims and would become governor of the Massachusetts Colony.
6. Name the ships that were a part of Columbus' first voyage to the New World?
7. The colonists of the "_____ of Roanoke" disappeared and were never heard from again.
8. When Columbus landed in the New World, what did he call the people living there?
9. Powhatan wanted to cut off _____'s head but his daughter Pocahontas pleaded with him to spare his life.
10. Where was England's first attempt at building a colony in North America located?
11. _____ emerged as the leader of the Jamestown Colony after early troubles almost ended it.
12. King _____ agreed to let the Separatists start a colony in the New World, mostly because he wanted to get rid of them.
13. The Separatists, persecuted for their beliefs in England, fled to _____ in order to practice their faith more freely.
14. During the "Starving Times" of _____ Colony settlers were so hungry that some turned to cannibalism to survive.
15. The Pilgrims eventually met up with _____, a Native American who had lived in London, which enabled them to communicate with the local tribes.
16. Name the three ships that brought the English settlers to Jamestown?

Colonial America - Part II

1. What was the purpose of the Albany Conference?
2. When colonists decided to _____ British goods, Parliament repealed the Stamp Act.
3. The _____ levied taxes on basic goods imported to the colonies from Great Britain.
4. The Stamp Act taxed colonists on....
5. The French and English fought _____ major wars in Europe before the French and Indian War.
6. The Boston Tea Party caused Parliament to pass the Coercive Acts, which Americans called the ...
7. According to the theory of _____, a country should sell more goods to other countries than it buys.
8. The first skirmish of the French and Indian War occurred because the French and the British wanted ...
9. How did the colonists protest the Stamp Act?
10. The French and English were interested in the _____ Valley region, which led to the building of forts along the frontier.

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11. _____ defended the British soldiers involved in the Boston Massacre and got most of them acquitted or reduced sentences.
12. After the Boston Massacre, the British brought peace to the colonies temporarily by repealing the _____ Act.
13. _____ built Fort Mifflin, a small stockade, after a brief skirmish with the French. He held out for little over a month before he was forced to surrender.
14. In the treaty that ended the French and Indian War, what territory did the British gain?
15. The _____ stated that Parliament had the right to tax and make decisions for the American colonies "in all cases."
16. The town of Concord created a special unit of men called _____, who were trained and ready to fight at a moment's notice.
17. The fighting between the French and British during the French and Indian War eventually spread to Europe, where it later became known as the _____ War.
18. The _____ Witch Trials on 1692 resulted in hundreds of arrests and the execution of 20 people.

Colonial America: Part III

1. Who wrote *Common Sense*?
2. How many attacks did it take the Redcoats to take Breed's Hill?
3. British General _____ was criticized for attacking Breed's (Bunker) Hill instead of cutting them off and waiting for the Americans to surrender.
4. Who helped Thomas Paine make it to America after having failed so many times in London?
5. About how many casualties did the British suffer at Bunker Hill?
6. Why was the British "victory" at Bunker Hill considered a debacle?