

8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES QUIZ BOWL QUESTIONS

1. Who was the English husband of Pocahontas who gained wealth from growing tobacco?
2. What is the "City of Brotherly Love" founded by Quakers?
3. Which religious group founded the colony of Pennsylvania?
4. A royal colony is one ruled directly by whom?
5. Who was the proprietor of the former Dutch colony now called New York?
6. Who was responsible for saving the Jamestown colony from starvation?
7. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware were part of the New England, Middle or Southern Colonies?
8. What is the term for poor people who agreed to work for a period of years to pay for their passage to North America?
9. Who was the Spanish conquistador who defeated the Aztecs in Mexico?
10. What area off the coast of present-day NC did England unsuccessfully attempt to plant a colony?
11. Who represented France and sailed to North America and explored from the Carolinas to Nova Scotia?
12. Who was the Portuguese sailor whose crew completed the first voyage around the world?
13. Maryland, Virginia, NC, SC, and Georgia are part of the New England, Middle or Southern Colonies?
14. Which island did Columbus first land on in the Western Hemisphere?
15. Who was the French explorer who sailed the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico and claimed land (Louisiana for France)?
16. Who was the daughter of Indian Chief Powhatan who saved John Smith?
17. What was the English trading company that started the Jamestown colony?
18. Who was sent by Spain to find an all-water trade route to the East Indies?
19. What was the elected government assembly in VA?
20. Which religious group started Massachusetts Bay colony in Boston in 1630?
21. Which group of Pilgrims started a colony at Plymouth in 1620?
22. What Spanish navy was defeated by England?
23. Who founded a colony at Savannah, Georgia for English debtors and their families?
24. Who was the Quaker proprietor of Pennsylvania?
25. Which colony named for King Charles II was begun by eight friends of the English king and later separated into two colonies?
26. Who was the Spanish conquistador who defeated the Incas in Peru?
27. Who were the members of the colonial militia who promised to be ready at a minute's notice?
28. Who founded the colony Rhode Island at Providence?
29. What document established self-government at Plymouth colony based on majority rule of male church members?
30. Which colony in Virginia was the first successful English colony in North America?
31. Massachusetts, Connecticut Rhode Island, and New Hampshire were located in which section of the colonies: New England, Middle, or Southern?
32. Which war ended in the English victory over France giving the English control of eastern North America?
33. Who was the chief organizer of colonial protest against the Stamp Act and the Boston Tea Party?
34. Who was the American general and traitor who failed to surrender West Point to the British?
35. What was the British tax on foreign molasses entering the American colonies?
36. Which Patriot victory was considered the turning point of the Revolutionary War resulting in other countries assisting us?
37. Who wrote the pamphlet *Common Sense* urging colonial separation from Britain?
38. Which act maintained Britain's right to tax the colonists after the repeal of the Stamp Act?
39. Which British laws were to punish the colonists for staging the Boston Tea Party?
40. What was the name for the colonists who supported Britain during the Revolutionary War: also called Tories?
41. What was the colonial nickname for British soldiers?
42. What was the event where British soldiers fired on a mob of colonists killing 5 on March 5, 1770?
43. Who was the King of England during the Revolutionary War?

44. Where were the British defeated in the final major fighting of the Revolutionary War?
45. Who were the American colonists who supported the movement for independence?
46. What was the ending negotiation document of the Revolutionary War to give America independence?
47. What is refusing the buy British goods as a means of protesting taxation called?
48. Who were the 3 people who rode on April 18, 1775 to warn the colonists northwest of Boston that "the British are coming"?
49. What battle was the British victory in Boston on June 17, 1775; the first battle of the Revolutionary War?
50. What group was the secret colonial committee that protested against the Stamp Act?
51. What was the colonists name for the Coercive Acts; British laws to punish colonists for the Boston Tea Party?
52. What was the meeting in Philadelphia that resulted in the Declaration of Independence?
53. What was the colonist meeting in Philadelphia to protest the intolerable Acts?
54. Where did the first events of the Revolutionary War take place on April 19, 1775?
55. What was the colonist reaction to the Tea Act; 90,000 pounds of tea dumped into Boston Harbor?
56. What was the document in which the British barred settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains?
57. Who was the colonial leader from Virginia who said, "Give me liberty or give me death!"?
58. Who was the British general defeated at Yorktown?
59. Who was the president of the Second Continental Congress who first signed the Declaration of Independence?
60. Who penned most of the Declaration of Independence?
61. Who were the German mercenary soldiers hired by the British?
62. What is the British tax on printed materials such as newspapers and legal documents?
63. What are formal charges if wrongdoing brought against a government official called?
64. What was the agreement at the Constitutional Convention that counted only 60% of slaves for the purpose of legislative representation?
65. Who was the first Vice President and second President of the U.S.?
66. What do the executive, legislative, and judicial branches provide that so single branch is too powerful?
67. What was the name of the compromise plan approved at the Constitutional Convention that called for a two house legislature, with one based on population and the other equal representation?
68. Define amend.
69. What is the group of appointed advisors to the president who are in charge of government departments?
70. What was the name of the proposal at the Constitutional Convention for a one-house legislature based on population?
71. What is the system used to maintain the separation of powers?
72. Who was the president of the Constitutional Convention?
73. What is the term for the first unsuccessful first national government in the U.S.?
74. Who was the "Father of the Constitution"?
75. What is the name of the first 10 Amendments of the Constitution?
76. Who was the third President of the U.S.?
77. What was the nickname for California gold seekers?
78. What was the land acquisition from France that doubled the size of the U.S.?
79. What is the term for the belief that the U.S. should extend its territory to the Pacific Ocean?
80. Who assassinated Abraham Lincoln at Fords Theater in Washington, D.C.?
81. What U.S. Supreme Court ruling upheld "separate but equal" segregation?
82. What was Lincoln's executive order that freed the slaves in the Confederacy?
83. Who became the U.S. President when Lincoln died?
84. Which Confederate victory in Virginia was the first battle of the Civil War?
85. Which organization of southern whites used violence to deny civil rights to African-Americans?
86. What was the time period of rebuilding the Confederate states after the Civil War to unite with the nation is called what?
87. What was the capital of the Confederacy?
88. Which battle was the Union victory resulting in northern control of the Mississippi River?

89. Which amendment granted voting rights to African-American males?
90. What was the name for Northern Democrats who sympathized with the south during the Civil War?
91. Which amendment abolished slavery everywhere in the U.S.?
92. Which amendment granted full citizenship, civil rights, and equal protection under the law to African-Americans?
93. Who were the members of Congress who wanted to treat the former Confederate states harshly after the Civil War?
94. Where did Lee surrender to Grant in VA to end the Civil War?
95. Who were the Northern Republicans who moved south to take advantage of unsettled conditions during Reconstruction?
96. What southern state was the first to secede from the Union?
97. Who was the most successful "conductor" on the Underground Railroad?
98. Where did abolitionist John Brown attempt to steal arms to start a slave insurrection?
99. What was the group of 11 southern states that seceded from the Union called?
100. What was the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that angered abolitionists who feared the extension of slavery into the territories?
101. What machine was invented by Eli Whitney to separate seed from cotton fiber?
102. What was the federal law that established popular sovereignty in new territories?
103. Who were the southern whites that supported reconstruction?
104. Who led an unsuccessful slave revolt in Virginia in 1831?
105. What is the term for people who wanted to end slavery?
106. What is the term that allows citizens of each new territory decide whether or not to permit slavery?
107. Which white abolitionist anti-slavery newspaper was the Liberator?
108. What confrontation began the Civil War in Charleston, SC?
109. What abolitionist novel did Harriet Beecher Stowe write?
110. What was the part of the Compromise of 1850 that made it a federal crime to assist runaway slaves?
111. Which agreement allowed California to enter the Union as a free state?
112. What is the network of abolitionists who helped slaves escape to freedom in the Northern U.S. and Canada?
113. Which African-American leader helped to found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People?
114. Which British passenger ship was sunk by a German submarine, killing 128 Americans?
115. What is the nickname for Alaska when the U.S. purchased it from Russia?
116. Who was the heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary assassinated in Sarajevo, Bosnia?
117. What is the document that showed Germany was attempting to establish a military alliance with Mexico?
118. What is the term for pride and loyalty toward one's country?
119. What was the WWI alliance that included Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria?
120. What was the WWI alliance that included Britain, France, Russia, Italy and later the U.S.?
121. What is the peace agreement negotiated at the conclusion of WWI?
122. Who introduced the assembly line at his automobile factory?
123. Which amendment granted women the right to vote?
124. What did FDR call his radio broadcasts to speak to the American people?
125. Which amendment repealed the 18th Amendment prohibition of alcohol?
126. What federal agency was created to construct dams and power plants on the Tennessee River?
127. What was the anti-communist hysteria that gripped the U.S. after WWI?
128. What were shantytowns set up by the homeless during the Great Depression?
129. Which acts passed by Congress in the 1930s were meant to keep the U.S. out of increasing tensions in Europe?
130. What group of WWI veterans marched on Washington, D.C. in 1932?
131. What is the most severe and long lasting economic downturn in U.S. history?
132. Who were the group of advisors to Franklin D. Roosevelt made up of college professors?
133. Which president was elected to four terms?

134. Who was the Fascist dictator of Italy from 1922-1943?
135. Where were Japanese Americans forced to relocate after the attack on Pearl Harbor?
136. Who was the leader of Britain during most of WWII?
137. What is the military tactic during WWII where the Allies would attack certain Japanese held islands and bypass others?
138. What is the name of the day when Japan surrendered to end WWII in the Pacific?
139. On which Japanese city did the U.S. drop the atomic bomb second on August 9, 1945?
140. Who was the supreme commander of Allied soldiers in Western Europe during WWII?
141. Where did the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941 that caused the U.S. to enter WWII?
142. What is the German term for "lightning war"?
143. What U.S. law gave money and supplies to non-Axis countries?
144. Who was the Fascist leader of Germany from 1933-1945?
145. Which battle was the Soviet defeat of Germany and the turning point in Europe during WWII?
146. What is the policy of giving into the demands of a country to avoid major confrontations?
147. What was the meeting attended by the leaders of Britain, France, Germany, and Italy giving Germany control of Sudetenland in exchange for a promise of no additional territorial demands?
148. Who became U.S. President near the end of WWII upon the death of FDR?
149. Who was the commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific during WWII?
150. Which battle was the British victory in Egypt that stopped Axis advancement in North Africa?
151. What is the systematic slaughter of European Jews by Nazi Germany before and during WWII called?
152. What was the political organization founded by Adolf Hitler?
153. What was the name for the day when Germany surrendered to end WWII in Europe?
154. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during WWII?
155. Which part of Czechoslovakia with a German-speaking population was acquired by Hitler?
156. What is the deliberate annihilation of an entire people because of race, religion or ethnic origin?
157. What is the name for June 6, 1944; Allied invasion against Germany in northern France?
158. Which German city were Nazi leaders tried for WWII war crimes?
159. What book did Adolf Hitler write that laid out his plan to restore German power?
160. What was the first successfully launched space satellite by the Soviet Union?
161. Which U.S. president is the only one who resigned from office?
162. Which candidate who was elected in 1960 participated in the first televised presidential debate?
163. What was the name for President Lyndon Johnson's economic and social programs?
164. Who was the communist dictator of Cuba?
165. What was the name of JFK's program of political, social and economic reforms?
166. Who was convicted of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.?
167. Which U.S. Supreme Court decision ruled that segregated public schools were illegal?
168. Who was the Black Muslim leader who preached about black pride and Black Nationalism?
169. Who was the African-American who refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama?
170. Which group of feminists promoted equal rights for women was founded by Betty Friedan?