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Early Explorers

Fourth Grade Social Studies
Quiz

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Instructions:

Read each question carefully. Read the four answer choices. Mark the best answer.

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1. A settlement at Jamestown was started in 1607. The leaders of Jamestown thought that they could force the Native Americans to grow crops for them. When this failed they started

- A. using settlers from France.
 - B. bringing slaves from Africa.
 - C. using captured Spanish prisoners.
 - D. bringing more settlers from England.
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2. In the 1730s and 1740s Great Britain and Spain were at war. The fighting between the two countries also spread to their colonies in North America. James Oglethorpe led a group that attacked Spanish forts near

- A. Havana, Cuba.
 - B. Mexico City, Mexico.
 - C. St. Augustine, Florida.
 - D. New Orleans, Louisiana.
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3. The French started a colony known as New France. It was located in the area that is today known as

- A. New York.
 - B. Canada.
 - C. Florida.
 - D. Bermuda.
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4. The European settlers who arrived in the “New World” came from many different countries. Instead of living in countries, MOST Native Americans lived

- A. on the coastal areas.
 - B. in tribes made up of many families.
 - C. on the Great Plains.
 - D. in a few large cities located in the Northeast.
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5. The English colonists in North America needed workers, so they started forcing Africans to come to the colonies to work as

- A. school teachers.
 - B. slaves.
 - C. factory workers.
 - D. apprentices.
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6. Some of the settlers who came to the English colonies in the 1700s wanted to keep many of the freedoms that they had in England. The right to vote was one of these freedoms. Which one of the following groups could NOT vote in the 1700s?

- A. merchants
 - B. plantation owners
 - C. women
 - D. farmers who owned land
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7. In the early 1800s, many textile mills were built to weave cloth. What invention was used to weave cloth?

- A. the power loom
 - B. the Fulton Steamer
 - C. the cotton gin
 - D. the McCormick reaper
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8. People living in the American colonies had to trade for things they needed. Sometimes they traded with other colonies and sometimes they traded with England. Which of the following groups ran business and did most of the trading?

- A. merchants
 - B. slaves
 - C. large landowners
 - D. indentured servants
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9. The Constitutional Convention of 1787 brought people together with different ideas. One thing the people did not agree on was if slaves should be counted in the population. The Three-Fifths Compromise was to

- A. count three-fifths of the slave population.
 - B. count all of the slave population.
 - C. count three-fifths of the total population.
 - D. count all of the total population.
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10. Early in the history of the American colonies, slaves were brought from Africa. Even at this early time, there were many people who were against slavery. They were known as

- A. abolitionists.
 - B. patriots.
 - C. Loyalists.
 - D. burgesses.
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11. The War of 1812 was fought between the United States and Great Britain. The MAIN reason why this war was fought was

- A. to win freedom from Great Britain.
 - B. to stop British attacks on American cities on the coast.
 - C. to protect the right to trade with anyone.
 - D. to keep Native Americans on reservations.
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12. Which of these groups had the MOST power in colonial governments?

- A. clergy
 - B. wealthy landowners
 - C. women
 - D. indentured servants
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13. The colonies in North America that were settled by the British are divided into three areas—New England, Middle, and Southern. Which of the following BEST describes the climate of the Middle colonies?

- A. warm summers and winters with areas that are cold and snowy and areas that are mild
 - B. wet; cold summers and mild winters with little or no snow
 - C. cold summers and winters with areas that are cold and snowy and areas that are mild
 - D. wet; cold summers and cold winters with much snow
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14. In 1777, the Articles of Confederation was written as a way to try to unite the states. Problems with the Articles of Confederation led to the writing of the

- A. Declaration of Independence.
 - B. Constitution of the United States.
 - C. Mayflower Compact.
 - D. Monroe Doctrine.
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15. The Wilderness Trail was built by Daniel Boone and other settlers. They wanted to travel west to Kentucky. The trail was actually

- A. part of a path that had been built by the French.
 - B. a Native American trail used for hunting and war parties.
 - C. part of a trading path built by the English.
 - D. a road of stone and rocks built on a dried up riverbed.
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