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Colonial Era Quiz

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1.) Which political feature of the United States developed during the colonial period?

- (1) two-party system
- (2) federalism
- (3) representative government
- (4) universal suffrage

2.) Colonial-era New England town meetings and the Virginia House of Burgesses were both

- (1) early social reform movements
- (2) attempts to build a strong national government
- (3) steps in the growth of representative democracy
- (4) efforts to regulate trade with Native American Indians

3.) Which economic policy was based on the idea that the American colonies existed primarily to provide economic benefits for Great Britain?

- (1) mercantilism
- (2) socialism
- (3) free trade
- (4) laissez-faire capitalism

4.) Which statement about the British colonial policy of mercantilism is most accurate?

- (1) Raw materials from the colonies were shipped to England.
- (2) England encouraged the colonies to seek independence.
- (3) The colonies were required to send manufactured goods to Europe.
- (4) The British opposed the use of slave labor in the colonies.

5.) In the 1700s, the triangular trade led directly to the

- (1) middle colonies' role as the chief importers of agricultural products
- (2) rapid industrialization of the southern Colonies
- (3) decline of the New England economy
- (4) increased importation of enslaved Africans to the Western Hemisphere

6.) During the colonial period, the economic development of the South was most directly dependent on the labor of

- (1) factory workers (3) Irish immigrants
- (2) wheat farmers (4) enslaved Africans

7.) In colonial America, the House of Burgesses, the Mayflower Compact, and town hall meetings were all developments that led to the

- (1) regulation of trade with Native American Indians
- (2) protection of the rights of women
- (3) elimination of the power of the upper classes
- (4) creation of representative government

8.) One reason traditions of self-government developed in the American colonies before the French and Indian War was that the British

- (1) sent effective leaders to govern colonial settlements
- (2) required colonial representation in Parliament
- (3) practiced salutary neglect in the colonies
- (4) maintained a strong military presence in the colonies

9.) The results of the French and Indian War 1754–1763 led to the independence movement in the thirteen colonies because the British

- (1) lost control of Canada and Florida
- (2) began imposing new taxes on the colonists
- (3) removed the Spanish threat to the colonists
- (4) opened the area west of the Appalachian Mountains to colonial settlers