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Part 1: Building a Foundation

Which explorer is credited with discovering America in 1492?

Hint: Think about the famous explorer who sailed for Spain.

- A) Ferdinand Magellan
- B) Christopher Columbus
- C) Marco Polo
- D) Vasco da Gama

Which of the following were reasons for European colonization in America?

Hint: Consider the motivations behind exploration and settlement.

- A) Seeking new trade routes
- B) Spreading Christianity
- C) Escaping political persecution
- D) Avoidin taxes

Describe the main differences between the New England, Middle, and Southern colonies in terms of economy and climate.

Hint: Think about the resources and weather in each region.

List three Native American tribes and the regions they primarily inhabited.

Hint: Consider the tribes and their geographical locations.

1. Tribe 1

2. Tribe 2

3. Tribe 3

What was the primary cause of the American Revolution?

Hint: Think about the grievances the colonists had against Britain.

- A) The desire for more land
- B) Taxation without representation
- C) The need for a new king
- D) Religious freedom

Part 2: Application and Analysis

If you were a settler in the Southern colonies, which crop would you most likely grow for profit?

Hint: Consider the cash crops that were popular in the South.

- A) Wheat
- B) Cotton
- C) Corn
- D) Tobacco

How might the concept of Manifest Destiny have influenced American policies in the 19th century?

Hint: Think about the belief in expansion and its implications.

- A) Expansion of territory
- B) Development of infrastructure
- C) Establishment of trade routes

- D) Conflict with Native Americans

Imagine you are a pioneer traveling the Oregon Trail. Describe the challenges you might face and how you would prepare for them.

Hint: Consider the journey and the obstacles pioneers encountered.

Which event marked the beginning of the American Civil War?

Hint: Think about the significant battles and events leading to the war.

- A) Battle of Gettysburg
 B) Attack on Fort Sumter
 C) Emancipation Proclamation
 D) Lincoln's election

Analyze the effects of the Emancipation Proclamation. Which of the following were direct outcomes?

Hint: Consider the implications of the proclamation on slavery and the war.

- A) Freed slaves in Confederate states
 B) Strengthened the Union's moral cause
 C) End slavery in all states
 D) Allowed African Americans to join the Union Army

Compare and contrast the Articles of Confederation with the U.S. Constitution in terms of government structure and powers.

Hint: Think about the strengths and weaknesses of each document.

Part 3: Evaluation and Creation

Which principle of the Constitution ensures that no single branch of government becomes too powerful?

Hint: Consider the foundational principles of American government.

- A) Federalism
- B) Checks and balances
- C) Popular sovereignty
- D) Judicial review

Evaluate the impact of westward expansion on Native American communities. Which of the following were consequences?

Hint: Think about the effects of migration and settlement on indigenous peoples.

- A) Loss of land
- B) Cultural assimilation
- C) Economic opportunities
- D) Increased conflict

Propose a plan for how the United States could have expanded westward while minimizing conflict with Native American tribes. Include at least three strategies in your response.

Hint: Consider peaceful approaches to expansion.