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1. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
   a) American and Bull-Moose
   b) Democratic and Republican
   c) Democratic-Republican and Whigs
   d) Reform and Green

2. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?
   a) never travel outside the United States
   b) give up loyalty to other countries
   c) disobey the laws of the United States
   d) not defend the Constitution and laws of the United States

3. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.
   a) Ohio River
   b) Rio Grande River
   c) Colorado River
   d) Mississippi River

4. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
   a) ended World War I
   b) freed the slaves
   c) gave women the right to vote
   d) gave the United States independence from Great Britain

5. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
   a) English
   b) Canadians
   c) Dutch
   d) Africans

6. What is the supreme law of the land?
   a) the Constitution
   b) the Emancipation Proclamation
   c) the Declaration of Independence
   d) the Articles of Confederation

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7. Where is the Statue of Liberty?
   a) Long Island
   b) New York Harbor
   c) San Francisco Bay
   d) Boston Harbor

8. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?
   a) obey the law
   b) pay taxes
   c) serve on a jury
   d) be respectful of others

9. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
   a) fought for women's rights
   b) founded the Red Cross
   c) the first woman elected to the House of Representatives
   d) made the first flag of the United States

10. What does the judicial branch do?
    a) resolves disputes
    b) decides if a law goes against the Constitution
    c) reviews laws
    d) all of these answers

11. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
    a) youngest member of the Constitutional Convention
    b) third President of the United States
    c) inventor of the airplane
    d) U.S. diplomat

12. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
    a) Abraham Lincoln
    b) James Madison
    c) George Washington
    d) Thomas Jefferson

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13. What does the President's Cabinet do?
   a) commands the U.S. Armed Forces
   b) makes laws
   c) all of the above
   d) advises the President

14. Why did the colonists fight the British?
   a) because they didn't have self-government
   b) all of these answers
   c) because the British army stayed in their houses
   d) because of high taxes

15. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States?
   a) Hurricane Andrew struck the United States.
   b) The accident at Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant occurred.
   c) Terrorists attacked the United States.
   d) The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

16. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?
   a) Joe Biden
   b) Barack Obama
   c) John G. Roberts, Jr.
   d) Anthony Kennedy

17. When was the Constitution written?
   a) 1776
   b) 1787
   c) 1789
   d) 1790

18. When do we celebrate Independence Day?
   a) July 4
   b) March 4
   c) June 30
   d) January 1

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19. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?
   a) all people of the state
   b) the state legislatures
   c) only the people in the state who voted for the Senator
   d) all people of the state who belong to the Senator's political party

20. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
   a) one hundred (100)
   b) two hundred (200)
   c) four hundred thirty-five (435)
   d) four hundred forty-one (441)

21. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?
   a) became a U.S. Senator
   b) ran for President of the United States
   c) fought for women's suffrage
   d) fought for civil rights

22. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
   a) nine (9)
   b) ten (10)
   c) eleven (11)
   d) twelve (12)

23. What are the **two** parts of the U.S. Congress?
   a) the Senate and House of Representatives
   b) the House of Representatives and the courts
   c) the House of Lords and the House of Commons
   d) the Senate and the courts

24. What are **two** rights in the Declaration of Independence?
   a) liberty and justice
   b) life and pursuit of happiness
   c) life and right to own a home
   d) life and death

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25. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
   a) to bear arms  
   b) to vote  
   c) speech  
   d) trial by jury

26. We elect a President for how many years?
   a) four (4)  
   b) two (2)  
   c) ten (10)  
   d) eight (8)

27. What is an amendment?
   a) the beginning of the Declaration of Independence  
   b) the Preamble to the Constitution  
   c) an addition (to the Constitution)  
   d) an introduction

28. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
   a) the Great Depression  
   b) climate change  
   c) Communism  
   d) slavery

29. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
   a) The Declaration of Independence was written.  
   b) The Emancipation Proclamation was written.  
   c) The Constitution was written.  
   d) The Virginia Declaration of Rights was written.

30. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.
   a) Celts  
   b) Cherokee  
   c) Zawi Chemi  
   d) Slavs

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31. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
   a) the state where you live
   b) the President
   c) Congress
   d) the United States

32. What is the capital of the United States?
   a) Boston, MA
   b) Washington, D.C.
   c) New York, NY
   d) Philadelphia, PA

33. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
   a) the Vice President
   b) the Secretary of Defense
   c) the President
   d) the Attorney General

34. What does the Constitution do?
   a) all of these answers
   b) sets up the government
   c) defines the government
   d) protects basic rights of Americans

35. Who did the United States fight in World War II?
   a) Austria-Hungary, Japan, and Germany
   b) the Soviet Union, Germany, and Italy
   c) Japan, Germany, and Italy
   d) Japan, China, and Vietnam

36. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?
   a) July 4
   b) March 15
   c) May 15
   d) April 15

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37. What is the name of the President of the United States now?
   a) Bill Clinton
   b) Barack Obama
   c) Joe Biden
   d) George W. Bush

38. What is freedom of religion?
   a) You must choose a religion.
   b) You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.
   c) You can't choose the time you practice your religion.
   d) No one can practice a religion.

39. There were 13 original states. Name three.
   a) New York, Kentucky, and Georgia
   b) Washington, Oregon, and California
   c) Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina
   d) Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida

40. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?
   a) freedom to petition the government and freedom to disobey traffic laws
   b) freedom of worship and freedom from paying taxes
   c) freedom of speech and freedom of worship
   d) freedom of speech and freedom to run for president

41. Who makes federal laws?
   a) the Supreme Court
   b) the President
   c) Congress
   d) the states

42. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.
   a) Civil War
   b) Revolutionary War
   c) World War I
   d) War of 1812

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43. Who signs bills to become laws?
   a) the Secretary of State
   b) the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
   c) the Vice President
   d) the President

44. Who vetoes bills?
   a) the Vice President
   b) the President
   c) the Speaker of the House
   d) the President Pro Tempore

45. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.
   a) slavery
   b) oil
   c) sugar
   d) westward expansion

46. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?
   a) saved (or preserved) the Union
   b) established the United Nations
   c) declared war on Great Britain
   d) purchased Alaska

47. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?
   a) eighteen (18) and older
   b) sixteen (16) and older
   c) twenty-one (21) and older
   d) thirty-five (35) and older

48. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?
   a) because the stripes represent the members of the Second Continental Congress
   b) because it was considered lucky to have 13 stripes on the flag
   c) because the stripes represent the original colonies
   d) because the stripes represent the number of signatures on the U.S. Constitution

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49. What is the name of the national anthem?
   a) God Bless the U.S.A.
   b) The Star-Spangled Banner
   c) My Country Tis of Thee
   d) America the Beautiful

50. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.
   a) John Adams
   b) George Washington
   c) James Madison
   d) Thomas Jefferson

51. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?
   a) Herbert Hoover
   b) Calvin Coolidge
   c) Franklin Roosevelt
   d) Harry Truman

52. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
   a) eight (8)
   b) four (4)
   c) two (2)
   d) six (6)

53. What is the highest court in the United States?
   a) the Supreme Court
   b) the Court of Appeals
   c) the District Court
   d) the Federal Court

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54. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
   a) because of the geographical size of the state
   b) because of the state's location
   c) because of the state's population
   d) because the state's Representatives have seniority in the House of Representatives

55. Who was the first President?
   a) George Washington
   b) John Adams
   c) Abraham Lincoln
   d) Thomas Jefferson

56. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
   a) write to a newspaper and call Senators and Representatives
   b) all of these answers
   c) give an elected official your opinion on an issue and join a community group
   d) vote and join a civic group

57. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?
   a) Hilary Clinton
   b) Robert Byrd
   c) Joe Biden
   d) John Boehner

58. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?
   a) Vietnam War
   b) Civil War
   c) World War I
   d) World War II

59. What is the political party of the President now?
   a) Republican Party
   b) Democratic Party
   c) Independent Party
   d) Green Party

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60. What is one reason colonists came to America?
   a) search for gold
   b) none of these answers
   c) freedom
   d) for the experience traveling across the ocean

61. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
   a) ten (10)
   b) twenty-three (23)
   c) twenty-one (21)
   d) twenty-seven (27)

62. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
   a) American Indians
   b) Floridians
   c) no one
   d) Canadians

63. What are two Cabinet-level positions?
   a) Secretary of Homeland Security and Secretary of the Treasury
   b) Secretary of Health and Human Services and Secretary of the Navy
   c) Secretary of Weather and Secretary of Energy
   d) Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of History

64. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
   a) the President Pro Tempore
   b) the Speaker of the House
   c) the Secretary of State
   d) the Secretary of the Treasury

65. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.
   a) World War II
   b) Civil War
   c) Korean War
   d) World War I

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66. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
   a) the President Pro Tempore
   b) the Secretary of State
   c) the Vice President
   d) the Speaker of the House

67. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?
   a) Quebec
   b) Haiti
   c) Alaska
   d) the Louisiana Territory

68. Why does the flag have 50 stars?
   a) because there is one star for each president
   b) because there is one star for each state
   c) because there were 50 original colonies
   d) because there were 50 people who originally came to the United States

69. What is the "rule of law"?
   a) Everyone must follow the law.
   b) Everyone but the President must follow the law.
   c) Government does not have to follow the law.
   d) All laws must be the same in every state.

70. Name one state that borders Canada.
   a) Maine
   b) Rhode Island
   c) South Dakota
   d) Oregon

71. In what month do we vote for President?
   a) January
   b) February
   c) October
   d) November

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72. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

a) checks and balances  
b) the President  
c) the people  
d) freedom of speech

73. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?

a) make treaties  
b) create an army  
c) provide schooling and education  
d) coin or print money

74. Name one branch or part of the government.

a) United Nations  
b) parliament  
c) state government  
d) legislative

75. Who is the "Father of Our Country"?

a) Abraham Lincoln  
b) Thomas Jefferson  
c) Patrick Henry  
d) George Washington

76. Who was President during World War I?

a) Woodrow Wilson  
b) Franklin Roosevelt  
c) Theodore Roosevelt  
d) Warren Harding

77. Who is in charge of the executive branch?

a) the Prime Minister  
b) the Chief Justice  
c) the Speaker of the House  
d) the President

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78. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?

a) civil rights movement
b) conservation
c) prohibition
d) women's suffrage

79. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

a) December 7, 1787
b) July 4, 1789
c) July 4, 1776
d) March 4, 1789

80. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?

a) Pacific Ocean
b) Southern Ocean
c) Arctic Ocean
d) Atlantic Ocean

81. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?

a) Al Gore
b) Barack Obama
c) Dick Cheney
d) Joe Biden

82. What is the economic system in the United States?

a) none of these answers
b) communist economy
c) capitalist economy
d) socialist economy

83. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

a) the Declaration of Independence
b) the Bill of Rights
c) the inalienable rights
d) the Articles of Confederation

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84. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?

a) Congress shall make  
   b) We the British  
   c) We the Colonists  
   d) We the People

85. Name two national U.S. holidays.

a) Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day  
   b) April Fool's Day and Labor Day  
   c) Labor Day and Thanksgiving  
   d) Citizenship Day and Columbus Day

86. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?

a) ten (10)  
   b) two (2)  
   c) four (4)  
   d) six (6)

87. Name one U.S. territory.

a) Cayman Islands  
   b) Bermuda  
   c) Guam  
   d) Haiti

88. When must all men register for the Selective Service?

a) at any age  
   b) between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)  
   c) at age sixteen (16)  
   d) men do not have to register

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89. Name one state that borders Mexico.
   a) Arkansas  
   b) Alabama  
   c) California  
   d) Florida

90. How many U.S. Senators are there?
   a) four hundred thirty-five (435)  
   b) one hundred (100)  
   c) fifty (50)  
   d) fifty-two (52)

91. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
   a) Citizens eighteen (18) and older can vote.  
   b) Citizens seventeen (17) and older can vote.  
   c) Only citizens with a job can vote.  
   d) Citizens by birth only can vote.

92. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
   a) to provide schooling  
   b) to provide police departments  
   c) to make treaties  
   d) to issue driver's licenses

93. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
   a) declared our independence from Great Britain  
   b) freed the slaves  
   c) declared our independence from France  
   d) gave women the right to vote

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94. Name one right only for United States citizens.
   a) freedom of religion
   b) attend to public school
   c) run for federal office
   d) freedom of speech

95. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.
   a) World War I
   b) the Revolutionary War
   c) the Civil War
   d) the War of 1812

96. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?
   a) Arctic Ocean
   b) Indian Ocean
   c) Pacific Ocean
   d) Atlantic Ocean

97. Who are your state's U.S. Senators now? Please note that this question is for OHIO residents only.
   a) Kenny Yuko and Sherrod Brown
   b) Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman
   c) Mike Foley and Sherrod Brown
   d) Kenny Yuko and George Voinovich

98. Who are your state's governor now? Please note that this question is for OHIO residents only.
   a) John Kasich
   b) Ted Strickland
   c) Sherrod Brown
   d) Rob Portman

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