

WORLD NEWS QUIZ

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Questions for the week of March 31-April 4

Questions	Answers
1. Toy makers have suspended sales of an “inspirational doll” named after what murdered toddler which captured the media’s attention for several months?	Caylee Anthony
2. An airplane belonging to what delivery company crashed and caught fire on a Texas runway last Tuesday?	FedEx
3. What national park is home to the regularly-erupting geyser Old Faithful?	Yellowstone National Park
4. The mayor of the city of Hartford has refused to resign despite being arrested for corruption; Hartford is the capital of what state?	Connecticut
5. What disgraced financier’s house was “toilet papered” last weekend?	Bernard Madoff
6. What term describes a scam in which investors are paid off with other investors’ money?	Ponzi scheme
7. What state nickname is shared by South Dakota and Florida?	Sunshine state
8. Even though it was a planned culling, massive deaths of what type of animal have alarmed New Jersey residents?	Birds
9. On which of the Hawaiian islands is Honolulu located?	Oahu
10. What cartoon character could help solve a murder and robbery in Florida after police found a themed CD case in the suspect’s house?	Scooby Doo
11. What US restaurant chain will reportedly stop brewing decaffeinated coffee after noon?	Starbucks
12. Thirty years before his cousin gave us the “New Deal,” which president gave us a “Square Deal?”	Theodore Roosevelt
13. In the 1870s, cartoonist Thomas Nast gave what enduring symbols to the Democrat and Republican political parties?	Donkey and elephant (respectively)
14. The owner of a cat sanctuary in Pennsylvania has been arrested after police found she was reselling cat food (letting cats go hungry) in order to buy what?	Drugs
15. What foreign leader has demanded that America apologize for supposed crimes and stop supporting Israel?	Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
16. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is the leader of what nation?	Iran
17. Last Tuesday an Iranian spokesman called what infamous act of genocide against Jews “a big lie”?	The Holocaust
18. Analysts say that Iran may be able to build what type of weapon this year?	Nuclear bomb
19. President Wilson founded which international organization which the US never joined?	League of Nations
20. The Spanish-American war led to which Caribbean island’s independence?	Cuba
21. What country has stopped efforts to deploy missiles in Europe to counter the perceived threat of the US missile shield program?	Russia
22. What Asian nation has sent several ships to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia?	Japan
23. Who was the first American in space?	Alan Shepard
24. What famous canal officially opened on July 12, 1920?	Panama Canal
25. To bypass French defenders, Germany attacked France through what country in both world wars?	Belgium
26. What country has launched airstrikes against underground smuggling tunnels on the Gaza border in response to recent suicide bombings?	Israel
27. What financial index is represented by the acronym ‘S&P’?	Standard & Poor’s
28. What do the letters “DC” stand for in Washington, D. C.?	District of Columbia
29. If the US Senate passes a bill by a simple majority, what is the smallest number of senators which could have voted for it?	51

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| 30. What international organization is represented by the acronym 'NATO'? | North Atlantic Treaty Organization |
| 31. NATO representatives met last week to discuss what natural resource trapped beneath the Arctic seabed? | Oil |
| 32. Riots broke out last week on what large African island? | Madagascar |
| 33. Name the first permanent English settlement in North America. | Jamestown |
| 34. "Reconstruction" was the 13-year period following what American conflict? | Civil War |
| 35. Officials say that nationwide strikes in what European country last Thursday were not as bad as expected? | France |
| 36. What is the term for the tension and conflict between the US and the Soviet Union from the 1940s to the early 90s? | Cold War |
| 37. The president of what island nation last week visited Russia for the first time since the Cold War? | Cuba |
| 38. Julius and Ethyl Rosenberg passed what kind of information to Russia during the Cold War? | Nuclear secrets |
| 39. Who is the current president of Russia? | Dmitry Medvedev |
| 40. What Polish capital was 85% destroyed in WWII when Hitler declared it "must cease to exist"? | Warsaw |
| 41. Israel has expelled the ambassador from what South American country in response to the expulsion of their own diplomat from that state? | Venezuela |
| 42. The legislature of what state has voted to remove Governor Blagojevich from office? | Illinois |
| 43. Blagojevich was impeached for offering an appointment to what position in return for money? | Illinois senator |
| 44. Pliny the Elder, a Roman geologist, died watching the eruption of what volcano that buried Pompeii? | Vesuvius |
| 45. Mount Redoubt, a volcano in what US state, is expected to erupt soon? | Alaska |
| 46. A Michigan college student was punished by his school for allegedly posting inappropriate remarks on what social networking website? | Facebook |
| 47. What two US state don't border any other states? | Alaska, Hawaii |
| 48. Though detective Allan Pinkerton saved him once, which president was the first to be assassinated? | Lincoln |
| 49. Who was the second president and the first to be defeated for reelection? | John Adams |
| 50. Who was the first president to refuse a third term? | George Washington |
| 51. What singer is being sued over royalties from the famous 1980s music video to "Thriller"? | Michael Jackson |
| 52. Congress has voted down an attempt to delay what changeover in broadcast television? | Analog to digital |
| 53. What populous Asian nation was finally admitted to the UN in 1971? | China |
| 54. According to a saying, the "sun never set" on what in the 19 th century? | British Empire |
| 55. The governor of New York recently appointed Kirsten Gillibrand to fill the senate seat vacated by whom? | Hillary Rodham Clinton |
| 56. President Obama will be allowed to keep what personal internet and communication device? | Blackberry |
| 57. What is the name of the groundhog who supposedly indicates when winter will end? | Punxsutawney Phil |
| 58. A South Carolina woman gave birth last week to octuplets; how many babies is that? | Eight |
| 59. Who was the youngest American to be sworn in as President of the United States? | Theodore Roosevelt |
| 60. What religious organization recently launched its own Youtube channel? | The Vatican |
| 61. Name the new U.S. Secretary of the Treasury. | Timothy Geithner |
| 62. What controversy surrounded Geithner's nomination and confirmation? | He was delinquent in paying his taxes |
| 63. President Obama has appointed this former U.S. Senator as a special envoy to the Middle East. | George Mitchell |
| 64. Which US state is known as the "Empire State"? | New York |
| 65. Russian warships recently arrived in what Western Hemisphere country? | Cuba |
| 66. According to the old saying, where do "all roads lead"? | Rome |
| 67. America and Canada celebrate what on Feb. 2 nd ? | Groundhog Day |

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| 68. Whose portrait is on the American \$10 bil? | Alexander Hamilton |
| 69. Which company recently announced it would end its Olympics jobs program in which athletes were paid full time salary for part time work? | Home Depot |
| 70. What composer, well-known for his work in film, succeeded Arthur Fielder as conductor of the Boston Pops? | John Williams |
| 71. What pioneer of multi-track recording also created a popular solid-body Gibson guitar? | Les Paul |
| 72. What major west-coast city was shaken last week by a magnitude-4.5 earthquake? | Seattle |
| 73. The Air Force plans to train combat medics in what ancient Chinese medical technique? | Acupuncture |
| 74. What's special about the 1 st Tuesday after the 1 st Monday in November? | Election Day |
| 75. Who swears in the witnesses in court? | Bailiff |
| 76. What European capital was reunified in 1989 when its famous wall came down? | Berlin |
| 77. A man from what Midwestern capital has been arrested for killing his brother over a \$2 debt? | Chicago |
| 78. Authorities in India are trying to trap what animals after the "man-eaters" killed at least 7? | Tigers |
| 79. Name the capital of India. | New Delhi |
| 80. Former Cuban president Fidel Castro criticized Obama for closing what US military facility? | Guantanamo Bay Naval Base |
| 81. In 1979, Soviet troops began occupying what Afghan capital? | Kabul |
| 82. On Feb 2, 1709, Alexander Selkirk was rescued after four years alone on an island near Chile; his story inspired what classic novel by Daniel Defoe? | Robinson Crusoe |
| 83. Ten men have been arrested for their actions during an anti-Christian riot in what Asian country last year? | India |
| 84. In terms of economics, what does the acronym 'GDP' stand for? | Gross Domestic Product |
| 85. Despite campaigning on "hope," Obama recently called what "a continuing disaster"? | US economy |
| 86. A new study finds that married women have an easier time doing what than unmarried women? | Sleeping |
| 87. Which president's administration gave full recognition to communist China in 1979? | Jimmy Carter |
| 88. What food-related nickname was given to President Carter? | "The Peanut Farmer" |
| 89. What computer company has announced plans to jump into the smartphone business? | Dell |
| 90. NASA is asking the public to tell it where to aim what famous space-based telescope? | Hubble Space Telescope |
| 91. Swiss police last month used what satellite mapping program to find fields of marijuana? | Google Earth |
| 92. Who did the French fight during the French & Indian War? | English |
| 93. Australian authorities recently found two men off the coast floating in what oversized container? | Cooler |
| 94. What Middle Eastern country is ramping up security in anticipation of elections? | Iraq |
| 95. What governmental safety agency has launched a criminal investigation in the recent salmonella outbreak? | FDA |
| 96. In 1971, which Apollo mission became the third manned moon mission? | Apollo 14 |
| 97. What did a group of Detroit kids find encased in a block of ice last week? | A body |
| 98. Ice cream cones and iced tea were both introduced in what Missouri city during the 1904 World's Fair? | St. Louis |
| 99. What 1803 land acquisition doubled the size of the United States? | Louisiana Purchase |
| 100. The 14 th amendment protects against being deprived "of life, liberty, or property, without" what? | Due process |

Teacher's Toolbox

Before and During

Starting with the middle school years, a significant shift occurs in the nature and purpose of student reading. In the early elementary years, students read mostly fiction. Gradually, more nonfiction reading is introduced as students move through elementary school. When students enter high school, teachers make certain assumptions about their reading. Yet, many students have not successfully transitioned into the demands of reading high school textbooks. A social studies text written at (or even above) grade level is a major challenge for these students. Fortunately, there are a number of simple, yet effective, strategies social studies teachers can use to help. Even better, these strategies help all students with the content. One approach involves *Before and During* reading strategies. By teaching a few simple reading strategies, you'll help students help themselves to the content in the text.

Before Reading:

- Ask, "What do I know about this topic?"
- Predict what I'm going to read about
- Look at the visual aids (maps, pictures, diagrams)
- Observe the layout of the chapter (organization)

During Reading:

- Visualize what I'm reading about
- Ask myself, "Do I understand this?"
- If not, refocus and reread.
- Stop often and put what I read into my own words.
- Connect what I'm reading to what I already know.

History Mystery

Music has played an important role in society throughout human history. Anthropologists theorize that some of the first music to be sung originated with primitive people as they engaged in war. Music continued to play a prominent role in the military through history. By the 15th century, armies were accompanied by drummers, pipers, trumpeters, to encourage discipline in marching and the urge to battle. During the American Revolution, music continued to play this significant role. The British military also used music. In particular, one tune was used by the British to taunt and demoralize the American rebels. Then, curiously, the Americans simply stole it, the entire song. And, in a sort of musical psychological warfare, the enemy heard their own song thrown right back at them. This war song became a favorite in every American camp and battle, even at the final surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. So, popular was this tune that most Americans alive today have sung it! What was the name of this redcoat rhyme intended to strike fear in the American troops of the Revolution?

Answer: Yankee Doodle

Critical Thinking Questions

- Do you think U.S. politics have become too partisan?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of President Obama's proposed "Stimulus Plan"?
- In light of the salmonella outbreak, what is the proper balance between government regulation and personal responsibility?
- If Guantanamo Bay security facility is closed, do you think America will be at greater risk? Why or why not?

This Week in History

- The U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time (2/1/1790).
- Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated upon reentry to Earth's atmosphere (2/1/2003).
- 16th Amendment establishing the federal income tax (2/3/1913).
- Delegates from six southern states form the Confederate States of America (2/4/1861).
- The board game Monopoly went on sale for the first time (2/6/1935).

Quote of the Week

"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it.."

Joseph Goebbels, German Minister of Propaganda, 1933-1945