



Tennessee History Final Fifth Grade Exam

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PART ONE (from *Long March to Tennessee*):

1. The planting and harvesting of what crop led to the Mississippian era?
a) Tobacco b) corn c) cotton d) sugar
2. In what prehistoric era was the year 100 AD?
a) Paleo b) Archaic c) Woodland d) Mississippian
3. In what present-day Tennessee county are the former sites of the Cherokee villages of Chota and Tanase?
a) Sevier b) Blount c) Hamilton d) Monroe
4. The word _____ refers to the system (in Cherokee society) in which family lineage is traced through the mother's side rather than the father's side.
a) Patrilineal b) descendant c) matrilineal
5. In Native American culture, what are the three sisters?
6. What did King George III's Proclamation of 1763 intend to do?
7. Why did so many early migrants go through the Cumberland Gap?
a) Because it was where 3 states intersected
b) Because it was most direct route from Knoxville to Nashville
c) Because hostile Native Americans never attacked people who were migrating through there
d) Because the gap was the key part of a route from east to west that went around most of the mountains and rivers

8. What was the name of the warlike Native American group led by Dragging Canoe that separated from the Cherokee in the 1770s?
- a) Chickamaugans b) Shawnee c) Redhawks d) Creeks
9. In what major Revolutionary War battle were hundreds of "Overmountain Men" from Tennessee and Virginia engaged?
- a) Kings Mountain b) Saratoga c) Yorktown d) Shiloh
10. List the stages of Tennessee's development in order that they occurred:
- a) Southwest Territory; State of Franklin; Part of North Carolina; Tennessee
b) State of Franklin; Southwest Territory; Part of North Carolina; Tennessee
c) Part of North Carolina; State of Franklin, Southwest Territory; Tennessee
11. When Tennessee became a state in 1796, it was about one-fourth the size that it is today. Why?
12. In 1790, what were the 2 forts on opposite sides of the Cumberland Plateau in present-day Tennessee called?
- a) White's Fort and Fort Nashborough
b) Fort Watauga and Fort Henry
c) Fort Southwest Point and Fort Blount
d) Fort Donelson and Fort Pillow
13. From what 2 states did most of the enslaved people in Tennessee have to migrate from between 1800 and 1850?
- a) Georgia and Alabama
b) Virginia and Maryland
c) North and South Carolina
14. At what battle in which about 3,000 Tennesseans fought did an army under Andrew Jackson defeat a branch of the Creek nation called the Red Sticks?
- a) Nickajack b) Horseshoe Bend c) Wounded Knee d) Little Bighorn

15. Why is it wrong to refer to the New Madrid Earthquake as one event?

- a) Because the New Madrid Earthquake never occurred; it was a myth.
- b) Because there were more than 1,800 different earthquakes.
- c) Because its proper name is the Missouri Earthquake.

16. What is true about Cherokee culture by the year 1835?

- a) Most Cherokee had adopted the Christian religion.
- b) Many Cherokee were literate in the written Cherokee language.
- c) Many Cherokee people had small farms.
- d) All of the above.

17. What started the series of the events that led to the Trail of Tears?

- a) The discovery of gold in California
- b) The need for canal to be built through Cherokee land in southeast Tennessee
- c) The discovery of gold in Georgia
- d) The discovery of copper in Tennessee

18. What is true about Andrew Jackson?

- a) He was born in present-day Tennessee.
- b) His mother and his two brothers died during the Revolutionary War.
- c) He had a lot of formal military training.
- d) He graduated from the University of North Carolina.

19. What is true about James K. Polk?

- a) He was born in present-day Tennessee.
- b) His mother and his two brothers died during the Revolutionary War.
- c) He had a lot of formal military training.
- d) He graduated from the University of North Carolina.

20. Why did steamboats not enable Knoxville to grow nearly as much as it helped Memphis and Nashville to grow?

- a) Because of navigation problems on the Tennessee River.
- b) Because people had more money in Memphis and Nashville.
- c) Because Memphis and Nashville processed far more cotton than Knoxville did.

21. Which Tennessee city got the first railroad connection to another state?

- a) Memphis
- b) Nashville
- c) Knoxville
- d) Chattanooga

PART TWO (from *Work for Freedom*):

22. What event led Tennessee to leave the Union in June 1861?
- a) Kentucky seceding from the Union
 - b) South Carolina seceding from the Union
 - c) The Battle of Shiloh
 - d) The U.S. Navy's attack on Fort Sumter and Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers
23. What city fell as a result of the surrender of Fort Donelson by the Confederate Army?
- a) Knoxville
 - b) Nashville
 - c) Atlanta
 - d) Memphis
24. What was the U.S. Army heading in the direction of when it was attacked by the Confederate Army at Shiloh?
- a) A cannon factory in Memphis, Tennessee
 - b) A railroad intersection in Corinth, Mississippi
 - c) The Muscle Shoals of the Tennessee River in northwest Alabama
 - d) A couple of Confederate Navy ironclads
25. What did Nashville resident William Driver call his American flag?
- a) The Stars and Stripes
 - b) Old Glory
 - c) The Stars and Bars
26. Who was the Military governor of Tennessee during the Civil War who forbid citizens to vote unless they proclaimed that they "rejoiced in the triumph" of the U.S. Army and "in the defeat and overthrow of the so-called Confederate States?"
- a) Andrew Johnson
 - b) Isham Harris
 - c) Dewitt Senter
 - d) Nathan Forrest
27. **TRUE OR FALSE:** The Emancipation Proclamation freed all enslaved people in Tennessee.
28. **TRUE OR FALSE:** The Battles of Franklin and of Nashville both took place a few weeks after the Battle of Shiloh.

29. What organization that was formed in Tennessee in 1867 was intended to stop former slaves from voting by terrorizing Black people?
a) White Knights b) The Ku Klux Klan c) The Carpetbaggers
30. What tax on voting – now illegal – did the Tennessee Constitution of 1870 authorize?
31. What disease killed more than 5,000 Memphis residents in 1878?
a) Covid b) cholera c) malaria d) yellow fever
32. Why did coal miners in Anderson County rebel against state government in 1891?
a) Because the mining company cut their pay
b) Because state government cut railroad service to Anderson County
c) Because the mining company replaced them with inmates from the Tennessee state prison
33. What soldier from Fentress County is thought to be the most famous American World War I hero?
a) Alvin York b) John Pershing c) Eddie Rickenbacker d) Audie Murphy
34. What did state representative Harry Burn tell reporters when they asked him why he changed his vote on the suffrage amendment on August 18, 1920?
35. **TRUE OR FALSE:** There were children in Knoxville who donated nickels and dimes to the cause of creating the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
36. What government program built roads and bridges in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park as well as in several Tennessee state and local parks?
a) TVA b) Civilian Conservation Corps. c) Works Progress Administration
37. At what “Secret City” in Tennessee were important parts of the atomic bomb created?
a) Jonesborough b) Manchester c) Oak Ridge d) Union City

38. What Tennessean and former Secretary of State is credited with starting the United Nations?

- a) Estes Kefauver b) Alvin York c) William Crump d) Cordell Hull

39. What radio show is responsible for Nashville's status as "Music City, U.S.A.?"

- a) Bandstand b) Soul Train c) The Grand Ole Opry d) Hillybilly Hoedown

40. What was Elvis Presley's first hit song?

- a) Shaft b) That's All Right c) Jailhouse Rock d) Heartbreak Hotel

41. What was the first city in Tennessee in which public schools were desegregated?

- a) Nashville b) Kingsport c) Oak Ridge d) Knoxville

42. What happened to hundreds of Black residents of Fayette County when they tried to vote between 1959 and 1963?

43. Why was Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis on April 4, 1968, when he was assassinated?

44. What are Tennessee's 3 automobile assembly plants?

- a) Nissan, General Motors and Volkswagen
b) Dodge, Honda and Ford
c) Honda, Kia and Volvo

45. **TRUE OF FALSE:** The Tennessee Valley Authority still produces most of its electrical power with hydroelectric dams.

46. What is currently the number one cash crop in Middle and West Tennessee?

- a) cotton b) corn c) tobacco d) soybeans