1492 – 1969

US History Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. Who reached the Americas in 1492?

- (A) Amerigo Vespucci
- (B) Christopher Columbus
- (C) Ferdinand Magellan
- (D) Hernando de Soto

2. What was Jamestown, founded in 1607?

- (A) The first battle of the American Revolution
- (B) The first permanent English colony in America
- (C) The first capital city of the United States
- (D) The first permanent French colony in America

3. What did the Declaration of Independence do in 1776?

- (A) Declared the colonies free from Britain
- (B) Set up the three branches of government
- (C) Ended the war between the colonies and Britain
- (D) Made George Washington the first president

4. What is the U.S. Constitution?

- (A) The agreement that bought land from France
- (B) The document that declared independence
- (C) The peace treaty that ended the Revolution
- (D) The plan for the United States government

5. What did the Louisiana Purchase do in 1803?

(A) Took California from Mexico for the United States
(B) Bought Alaska from Russia for the United States
(C) Doubled the size of the United States
(D) Bought Florida from Spain for the United States

6. What did the Transcontinental Railroad do in 1869?

(A) Connected the country from coast to coast
(B) Connected New York City to Washington, D.C.
(C) Connected the United States to Mexico City
(D) Connected the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean

7. What did the 19th Amendment do in 1920?

(A) Gave Congress the right to tax income
(B) Gave 18-year-olds the right to vote
(C) Gave Black men the right to vote
(D) Gave women the right to vote

8. What big event happened in 1969?

(A) The first space shuttle was launched
(B) A robot rover landed on Mars
(C) Astronauts landed on the Moon
(D) The first satellite reached orbit

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1. **B** Christopher Columbus

2. **B** The first permanent English colony in America

3. **A** Declared the colonies free from Britain

4. **D** The plan for the United States government

5. **C** Doubled the size of the United States

6. **A** Connected the country from coast to coast

7. **D** Gave women the right to vote

8. **C** Astronauts landed on the Moon



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