

A New Nation: The United States of America

Time and Change

1. Turn to pages 32–33 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also compare map A, “North America 1783,” with map C, “North America 1763” on page 29. Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.
 - a. _____ The United States was officially recognized in 1783.
 - b. _____ The western boundary of the United States was the Appalachian Mountains.
 - c. _____ Spain gained territory after 1763.
 - d. _____ More of North America was claimed in 1783 than in 1763.
 - e. _____ The U.S. Constitution was written in 1781.

★ Places, Regions, and Landscapes

2. Look at map B, “Western Land Claims.” Also look at graph C, “A Small Population,” and picture D. Use the information to answer the following questions.
 - a. Which two states had the largest land claims in the West?
_____ and _____
 - b. Which five states had no claims in the West? _____,
_____, _____,
_____, and _____
 - c. How many people lived in the United States in 1790? _____
 - d. Who lived in the West? _____

People and Cultures

3. Look at graph E, “People of the New Nation.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - a. The largest ethnic group in the United States was the _____.
 - b. The second largest group was the _____.
 - c. Germans made up _____ percent of the population.

📍 Location

4. Look at map B and map F, “United States.” Match the new territory or state with the states that previously claimed it.

New Territory or State

- a. Territory south of Ohio River •
- b. Northwest Territory •
- c. Vermont •

Previous State Claims

- New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia
- New York, New Hampshire
- Virginia, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut

📖 Thinking About History

5. Look at map G, “Slavery in the New Nation.” Also look at graph E and picture H. Use the information to complete the following paragraph.

African Americans made up _____ percent of the population of the United States in 1790. _____ states began to abolish slavery after the Revolution. By 1800, north of Maryland, only two states— _____ and _____—had a slave population over 1 percent. South of Pennsylvania, only the states of _____, _____, and _____ had a slave population of less than 30 percent. Slavery also expanded into western territories. The _____ Territory had a slave population over 30 percent in 1800. Most of the slaves in these southern states and territories worked on _____.

📍 History Through Maps

6. Look again at map G. Use the information to rank the states from lowest to highest percentage of slaves in the population.

State	Percent of Slaves
a. Massachusetts	_____
b. New Jersey	_____
c. Tennessee	_____
d. North Carolina	_____
e. Georgia	_____