

UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHY QUIZ II



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1> What hunk of Massachusetts granite (actually, Dedham granodiorite) is sometimes called "the most disappointing landmark in America"?

- a. Plymouth Rock
- b. Red Rocks
- c. Blarney Stone
- d. Devils Tower

2> Home to thousands of logs petrified in lava flows, Ginkgo Petrified Forest can be found in what U.S. state?

- a. Washington
- b. Texas
- c. West Virginia
- d. Pennsylvania

3> Despite being in the middle of a desert, what city gets its name from the Spanish word for "the meadows"?

- a. El Paso
- b. Santa Fe
- c. Las Vegas
- d. Albuquerque

4> What US state supposedly got its name from the Spanish words for "hot sex", but was actually named for the island where Amazons lived?

- a. California
- b. Colorado
- c. Nevada
- d. Alabama

5> Three of what hilly city's neighborhoods include Nob Hill, Russian Hill and Telegraph Hill?

- a. Boston
- b. San Francisco
- c. Nashville
- d. Seattle

6> Many Indian nations in the Pacific Northwest celebrate the potlatch. What is a good way of describing the potlatch tradition?

- a. Dancing to encourage rain
- b. Trading ancestral stories
- c. Competitive gift giving
- d. Scalping an enemy

7> In 1986, King County changed its name, sort of. Instead of being named for slave-owning vice-president William Rufus de Vane King, it was renamed for civil rights leader Martin Luther King. Where is this county?

- a. Georgia
- b. California
- c. Washington
- d. Alabama

8> In Philadelphia, people toss pennies, both saved and earned, at whose grave marker at Fifth and Arch Streets?

- a. Mark Twain
- b. Benjamin Franklin
- c. James Fenimore Cooper
- d. George Washington

9> What American landmark did the Indians call the House of Stone and Light?

- a. Carlsbad Caverns
- b. Grand Canyon
- c. Old Faithful
- d. Petrified Forest

10> In what city, at the corner of Woodward and Jefferson, can you find a 24-ft, 8,000-lb bronze sculpture of Joe Louis's outstretched arm and fist?

- a. Detroit
- b. Chicago
- c. Louisville
- d. Memphis

11> Death Valley, located in California, once reached the second-highest temperature ever recorded on Earth. What temperature did it reach?

- a. 100 'F
- b. 134 'F
- c. 112 'F
- d. 124 'F

12> As of 2012, United States has 58 protected areas known as national parks. President Ulysses S. Grant signed the first national park into law by in 1872. Which one?

- a. Yosemite
- b. Yellowstone
- c. Sequoia
- d. Badlands

13> Cathedral Caverns, a 2.08-mile cave, is home to Goliath, a 45-foot long stalagmite. In what state are they located?

- a. Montana
- b. Alabama
- c. Florida
- d. Utah

14> Located in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico, what is the largest desert in North America?

- a. Sonoran Desert
- b. Chihuahuan Desert
- c. Great Basin Desert
- d. Mojave Desert

15> What is the northernmost point in all U.S. territory?

- a. Point Barrow, Alaska
- b. Fairbanks, Alaska
- c. Barrow, Alaska
- d. Sumas, Washington

Answers:

1> Plymouth Rock - It broke in two during an attempt to move it to the town square.

2> Washington - Over 50 species of trees can be found petrified at the park.

3> Las Vegas - It was named in the 1820s for a local oasis.

4> California - The Amazons were found in Garcia Ordonez de Montalvo's book Las Sergas de Esplandian.

5> San Francisco - Nob Hill has always been associated with the wealthy. "Nob" was once slang for a rich person.

6> Competitive gift giving - Naturally enough, a suspicious Canadian government banned the practice in 1885.

7> Washington - It's the county Seattle is in. And it is served by radio station KING.

8> Benjamin Franklin - It is right across the street from the Philadelphia Mint.

9> Grand Canyon - On a bad day, the view in the canyon is obscured by smog from LA, 300 miles away.

10> Detroit - It was created by Robert Graham.

11> 134 'F - The Current world record high temperature of 136 'F was recorded at Azizia, Libya in 1922.

12> Yellowstone - Known for hot springs and geysers, Yellowstone is home to Old Faithful and the Grand Prismatic Spring.

13> Alabama - Cathedral Caverns was declared a National Natural Landmark in 1972.

14> Chihuahuan Desert - The desert has an area of 140,001 square miles.

15> Point Barrow, Alaska - Point Barrow was named by English explorer Frederick William Beechey in 1826.