Pillars of Culture:
50 People who Made America Great



Chapter 1 Activities

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INTRODUCTION

1. Stories, or ***vignettes***, _____ how America became a great nation.
2. People ***personify*** how capitalism is a major component of American _____
3. What four character qualities did previous Americans display? _____

   _____
4. Achievements by others _____ us to attempt great things.

CHALLENGE TO READERS

1. Creative people often respond to _____to jot down ideas in the middle of the night.
2. Some notes have shaped _____as songs, books, and inventions.
3. *Pilgrim's Progress* was written (in part) on _____ and scraps of paper.
4. Who ignited the Protestant Reformation in Germany (by nailing his list of grievances on a church door)? _____
5. The _____Commandments for successful living were inscribed on _____.
6. On what did Francis Scott Key write "The Star-Spangled Banner?" _____
7. Abraham Lincoln wrote the "Gettysburg Address" on the back of an _____.
8. James Madison and Alexander Hamilton made ***meticulous*** notes while participating in the

   _____.
9. Thoughts scribbled on paper can be developed into songs, inventions, or books. _____

   (a) True (b) False
10. _____ jotted down beside a mountain stream sometimes influence culture.
11. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____

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1. What two, basic concepts ***compelled*** Pilgrims to endure hardships to settle colonial America?

   _____

2. How would you describe Pilgrims who survived ***inadequate*** shelter and sanitary conditions? ____

   (a) industrious (b) complacent (c) compliant

3. Europeans settled in Jamestown, Virginia, during the _____.

4. **Effect:** Some European adventurers failed to survive be**Cause** they _____.

   (a) were not physically fit (b) refused to work (c) deserted

5. Pilgrims succeeded because they postponed ***gratification***, saved _____, and

   _____.

6. Early Americans awoke at dawn, read their _____, and discussed

   _____ for the day.

7. People survived hardships and disappointments because they believed that America was a land of

   _____.

8. Pilgrims invested resources, worked hard, and thus birthed the _____ of capitalism and freedom.

9. Freedom to _____ God and own _____ caused thousands of Europeans to immigrate to America.

10. ***Indentured*** servants served seven years to pay for ship _____ to America.

11. List five Judeo-Christian values that birthed the American dream: _____

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12. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____

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1. A person's life can be changed by _____.
2. Statistically, the most popular book in the world is the _____.
3. During WWI and WWII, the US government issued New Testaments to soldiers and sailors. ____

   (a) True (b) False
4. People are considered to be ***illiterate*** if they are unfamiliar with such events as the Reformation, _____, and Great _____.
5. King David of Israel wrote hundreds of psalms, which are quoted by _____ and military _____.
6. Calendars are based on the birth of _____.
7. Biblical _____ are woven into the US Declaration of Independence and Constitution.
8. **Write the Life principle:** "_____ _____."

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1. What statement caused people to reconsider their heritage? _____

   _____

2. ***Secularism*** means: _____

3. To ***redact*** something means to edit, to remove content. _____ (a) True (b) False

4. Secularism exploded in American schools and homes during the 1960s. _____

   (a) True (b) False

5. _____ educators argue that the US Constitution should be a "living and breathing" document.

6. A cultural revolution in the 1960s turned American values upside down in an attempt to legalize abortion, ***sodomy***, and ***relativism***. _____ (a) True (b) False

7. Numerous authors raised _____ that caused parents to take note of changes in public schools.

8. _____ started the Charter School Movement.

9. School choice includes at least three options: homeschool, _____, and private academies.

10. ***Foisted*** means to have _____ an idea or thing onto someone.

11. An ***indifferent*** person cares greatly about things or people. _____ (a) True (b) False

12. Many public schools have ***deviated*** from a traditional, values-based philosophy. _____

    (a) True (b) False

13. What basic issue has become ***epidemic*** in America? _____

    (a) poverty (b) fatherlessness (c) hunger

14. Youth trained without love, protection, and skills often become ***vulnerable*** and unemployable. _____

    (a) True (b) False

15. Influential economist Milton Friedman promoted the belief that schools ought to teach _____ values which made America great.

16. Wise youth chase a _____ with passion.

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17. Acquaintances either help or _____ fulfillment of dreams.

18. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____

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1. Who painted *The Pioneer Woman*? _____
2. Pioneers helped carve out American ***Exceptionalism***. _____ (a) True (b) False
3. To ***cultivate*** a crop means to break up clods in the _____ and remove _____ and rocks.
4. Pioneers turned their _____ into communities.
5. Women usually washed clothes in a _____ or in a large _____ ***suspended*** over an outdoor fire near the cabin.
6. Fires were fueled with _____ ***chips*** or wood.
7. Indoor cabin light was provided by _____, fireplaces, or _____ lamps.
8. Women and girls made garments from ***homespun*** material, _____, or feed and seed _____.
9. To be ***laid up*** means not to be able to work due to an injury or illness. _____
   (a) True (b) False
10. Pioneer women learned to shoot guns, swing _____, and guide plows.
11. Harsh sun and wind blistered _____ and cheeks.
12. A major issue for pioneer women was _____ from ***seclusion***.
13. A ***widower*** is a man who has lost his _____ in death.
14. Pioneer women often gave _____ to children with only the assistance of a _____ or midwife.
15. Pioneer children often died of _____ and ***typhoid*** fever.
16. Pioneer women taught their children to work, read the Bible, and _____ through hardships and _____.
17. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____ _____."

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Founding Fathers

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1. Benjamin Franklin, a Founding Father and inventor, was also respected as a _____ because of his experiments with electricity.

2. During his senior years, Franklin was appointed as ambassador to what country? _____

   (a) England (b) Spain (c) France (d) Italy

3. Franklin appealed to French diplomats to support the American Revolution through their _____.

   (a) assistants (b) wives (c) other diplomats (d) financial counselors

4. Franklin's strategy led to a formal treaty that resulted in French support, which enabled General George Washington to defeat the _____ at _____, Virginia.

5. **Cause:** British Evangelist George Whitfield influenced Benjamin Franklin to consider how Divine intervention played a significant part in forming the United States of America.

   Effect: Franklin recommended references to God in the _____ _____.

6. To be ***intently*** interested means to be: _____ in something.

   (a) moderately interested (b) seriously interested (c) uninterested (d) ***acclaimed***

7. Benjamin Franklin participated in the writing of _____.

   (a) the Declaration of Independence (b) the Constitution (c) French scientific documents

   (d) all of the above (e) only a and b

8. Franklin's portrait appears on what US currency? _____

9. A person who leaves a ***legacy*** leaves a _____.

10. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____ _____."

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1. George Washington has served as a role model and hero for students since _____.
2. George became fatherless at the age of twelve years. _____ (a) True (b) False
3. George Washington attended _____ at home until he was about 17 years of age.
4. What book did the mother of George Washington use as the primary book for guiding the mind and values of her son? _____
5. George developed strong moral _____, _____ and _____ under the guidance of adults responsible for his education.
6. What skill did George Washington learn while spending time in the forest? _____
7. George Washington used his knowledge of British military tactics during the French and Indian War years later to defeat the British at Yorktown, Virginia. _____ (a) True (b) False
8. General Washington was often seen: _____

   (a) dozing (b) praying (c) marching (d) writing
9. George Washington dealt with betrayal, desertion, and shortage of supplies during the War for Independence. _____ (a) **Fact** (b) **Opinion**
10. How would you classify the statement: "The Continental Army suffered severely at Valley Forge."_____

    (a) Fact (b) Fiction (c) Propaganda (d) Distortion of truth
11. Martha Washington sometimes joined her husband at his _____ to provide supplies and aide to soldiers.
12. During his time as General of the Continental Army, Washington took no _____.
13. _____was the first President of the United States of America.
14. As President, Washington was aware that his decisions set _____for future leaders.
15. **Inference:** Washington was more concerned that his decisions were consistent with the ***rule of law*** than with political correctness. _____ (a) True (b) False

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16. ***Rule of law*** means: _____.

    (a) rules based on convenience (b) absolute rules based on a constitution

    (c) rules based on expedience (d) rules based on ***precedent***

17. Who was "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen"?

    _____

18. His image is carved on Mount _____, and engraved on every US

    _____ bill.

19. To be ***competent*** means to be _____, _____.

20. You could **Conclude** that George Washington was a competent and capable leader. _____

    (a) True (b) False

21. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____

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1. Who were two people who shaped the thinking and values of James Madison? _____

   (a) Mother and Witherspoon (b) Mother and John Adams (c) Mother and Dolley Madison

2. James Madison was intelligent, short, honest, and an articulate writer. _____

   (a) True (b) False

3. ***Astute*** means _____, _____, _____.

4. Dolley was a ***vivacious*** widow who captivated the affections of _____.

5. James Madison attended the _____ in 1787, and played a significant role in drafting the US Constitution.

6. Name the three branches of government written into the US Constitution: _____

   _____, _____.

7. The three branches of government provided a check-and-balance system to prevent arbitrary dictatorship, appointment of a king, or rule by a strong legislative system. _____

   (a) True (b) False

8. The concept of Rule of Law was relatively unimportant to delegates at the Constitutional Convention. _____ (a) True (b) False

9. Who wrote at least one third of the *Federalist Papers*, and earned the title, "Father of the Constitution? _____

   (a) Benjamin Franklin (b) George Washington

   (c) James Madison (d) Thomas Jefferson

10. Madison was the Secretary of State for _____.

    (a) Thomas Jefferson (b) George Washington (c) John Adams (d) Patrick Henry

11. What major land purchase from France was completed while Madison was Secretary of State?

    _____ (a) Texas (b) Oregon Territory (c) Louisiana Purchase (d) Missouri Purchase

12. James Madison was elected as the _____ President of the United States, and served during the _____.

13. The **Main Idea** of the vignette on James Madison was that he was a significant _____.

    (a) politician (b) Secretary of State (c) pillar of American culture (d) President

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14. **Write the Life Principle:** "_____

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1. Patrick Henry delivered ***eloquent*** speeches that fired up colonists to fight for independence from England. _____ (a) **Fact** (b) **Opinion**
2. Unlike other Founders, Patrick Henry never experienced personal tragedy in his life. _____
   (a) True (b) False
3. You can ***infer*** from the vignette that Patrick Henry was a lazy and careless husband._____
   (a) True (b) False
4. Patrick Henry's character and _____ earned him a seat in the First _____ _____ in 1774.
5. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson did not know Patrick Henry. _____
   (a) True (b) False
6. Colonists joined Patrick Henry in ***denouncing*** _____ tyrants who insisted on exercising domination over the thirteen colonies. (a) French (b) British (c) Spanish
7. In 1775, Patrick Henry gave a passionate speech in which he said, "*I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me _____ of give me _____!*"
8. "The shot heard around the world" refers to Battles at: _____
   (a) Lexington and Concord (b) Boston and Richmond (c) New York and Yorktown
9. Patrick Henry was elected as the first governor of _____.
10. You can ***Conclude*** from the vignette that Patrick Henry was a strong advocate of state's rights. _____ (a) True (b) False
11. The first ten provisions of the Bill of Rights were added to the US Constitution primarily due to the efforts of _____.
    (a) Benjamin Franklin (b) George Washington (c) Patrick Henry
12. The matter of religious freedom was addressed in the _____Amendment.
13. The **Main Idea** of the vignette about Patrick Henry is that he:_____.
    (a) was indifferent toward tyrants (b) wanted to be president
    (c) cared deeply about freedom (d) none of these

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1. Thomas Jefferson demonstrated intelligence at age 9 when he studied _____ and _____.
2. You can ***Infer*** from the vignette that Thomas Jefferson was always carefree, happy, and attended parties with his wife. _____ (a) True (b) False
3. Jefferson retreated to his Monticello farm after _____.
4. **Cause:** The Battles of Lexington and Concord had the **Effect** of spurring Jefferson to represent _____ at the Second Continental Congress in 1775.
5. The Declaration of Independence in 1776 was largely the work of _____.
   (a) Ben Franklin (b) George Washington (c) Thomas Jefferson
6. The Preamble to the Constitution states, "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are _____equal, that they are _____ by their Creator with certain **unalienable** _____, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of _____.*"
7. While serving as America's ***envoy*** to _____, Jefferson observed the ***appalling*** way European rulers treated the common people. (a) England (b) France (c) Spain
8. Jefferson served as Secretary of State, Vice-President, and President of the United States. _____
   (a) True (b) False
9. What significant event in 1803 almost doubled the size of the United States?_____
   (a) annexation of Texas (b) Louisiana Purchase (d) defeat of the Barbary Pirates
10. Thomas Jefferson is remembered on _____ and at the Jefferson _____ in Washington, DC as a pillar of American culture.
11. Jefferson founded the first _____ university in America.

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12. **Review. Place an "x" before each item below that pertains to Thomas Jefferson:**

_____ Barbary Pirates

_____ Bill of Rights

_____ Declaration of Independence

_____ "Give me liberty or give me death"

_____ Louisiana Purchase

_____ widowed after ten years of marriage

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