

Directions:

Read the text below. Answer each question that follows.

### Geography

Considered to be at the heart of the United States is the beautiful state of Illinois. The vast grasslands have turned this area into an agricultural center of farming. The state is bordered by both land and water. Glaciers that moved across the area during the last ice age helped mold the gently rolling plains and rich soil. As a result, three major land areas are currently in Illinois. They include the Central Plains, Shawnee Hills, and Gulf Coastal Plain. Cold winters and hot summers are part of the Illinois landscape. The state has many natural resources. Oil and coal are the most abundant and important. About five percent of bituminous coal in the United States comes directly from Illinois. Sand and gravel, resources left behind by glaciers, are produced in McHenry County.

1. Illinois is considered the \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States.  
A. farmland      B. heart      C. middle      D. none of these
2. Agriculture refers to  
A. farming      B. hunting      C. recreation      D. glaciers
3. Vast means  
A. small      B. open      C. crowded      D. all of these
4. These helped create the rolling plains of Illinois.  
A. coal      B. grasslands      C. glaciers      D. farming
5. What borders Illinois?  
A. land      B. water      C. A and B      D. people
6. What natural resources are most abundant in Illinois?  
A. grass      B. coal      C. oil      D. B and C



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## History

The name Illinois is derived from the French word Illiniwek, the name of the Native Americans who lived in the region prior to European settlers. The state's motto is "State Sovereignty, National Union". Native People from the area were known as friendly, which led to many settlers arriving. French missionaries established a settlement called Kaskaskia. Herds of buffalo also lured many settlers to the area. As settlements grew, the fur trade began to flourish. By the 1600's, Illinois's fur trade was commercially important. Customary to the times, French settlers often built log homes with logs set into the ground upright. As the fur trade flourished, Britain saw the value and eventually battled with the French for control of the area. Britain defeated French occupation in 1763 and many French and Native Americans left Illinois.

1. The state of Illinois got its name from a \_\_\_\_\_ term.  
A. Spanish                      B. Italian                      C. French                      D. Swedish
2. How does the paragraph describe the Native Americans who lived in early Illinois?  
A. friendly                      B. puzzled                      C. hungry                      D. creative
3. What was a draw to the area of Illinois for early settlers?  
A. money                      B. gold                      C. land                      D. buffalo
4. What trading took place in early Illinois?  
A. wigwam                      B. fur                      C. goods                      D. food
5. In what year was fur trade very important to the economy of Illinois?  
A. 1600                      B. 1763                      C. 1736                      D. 1060
6. What type homes did many settlers build?  
A. modular                      B. earthy                      C. log                      D. cabins



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### More History!

Many Native American groups lived in early Illinois. Groups included the Cahokia, Peoria, Michigamea, Moingwena, and Tamarou. These groups hunted buffalo and planted plentiful cornfields. They were part of the Algonquin group of Native Americans and were known as the Iroquois Confederacy. These Native people migrated to Illinois for several reasons. One was to avoid the European expansion that was occurring and in search of a new place to hunt fur bearing animals. Monks Mound, which covers 14 acres and is 100 feet high, is located at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site and remains one of the largest mounds in the United States.

1. Early Native Americans hunted. True False
2. Fields of \_\_\_\_\_ were planted for food by Native People.  
A. oats B. corn C. beans D. squash
3. The Algonquin Native Americans were part of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What does the term migrate mean?  
A. move B. settle C. build D. plant
5. The mound that measures 100 feet high is called  
A. Cahokia Mound B. Monks Mound C. Tamarou Mound D. doesn't say
6. Would you like to visit Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site? Why or why not?  
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### Economy

Major agricultural developments have taken place in Illinois, primarily due to its rich farming past. Manufacturing plows were first manufactured by blacksmith William Parlin. He also helped invent many other devices such as a stalk cutter, double plow, and disc plow. Illinois remains a top state in the United States for agriculture, despite the only three percent of farmers still in the state. Many residents raise livestock, including sheep, cattle, and chicken. The original McDonald's restaurant was founded in De Plaines in 1955. Today, A McDonald's Museum sits on the site of the original restaurant. Much of the work force of Illinois is employed in the service industry. Such fields include doctors, lawyers, and government employees. Illinois is also a major food processing state. Sara Lee and Quaker Oats are just two examples of large corporations with headquarters in Illinois.

1. What is an important part of the past in Illinois?  
 A. farming                      B. planting                      C. livestock                      D. A & B
2. Agriculture refers to  
 A. manufacturing              B. government              C. farming                      D. corporations
3. About what percent of people are still farmers in Illinois?  
 A. two percent                  B. three percent                  C. four percent                  D. none of these
4. Livestock such as chicken, cattle, and \_\_\_\_\_ are still raised.  
 A. sheep                          B. horses                          C. roosters                          D. doesn't say
5. What well-known and popular restaurant began in Illinois?  
 A. Taco Bell                      B. Burger King                      C. McDonald's                      D. Wendy's
6. Sara Lee has its headquarters in Illinois.              True                                  False



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### Entertainment

Welcome to Illinois, a hub of entertainment! Many famous writers, including Shel Silverstein and Earnest Hemingway, have come from Illinois. Music is also a strong and important part of the entertainment scene. Many opera groups have entertained audiences since the early 1900's. Blues, jazz, and folk music have their roots in the area. Each year, many folks from around the country are attracted to the Chicago Blues Festival. Hollywood stars Harrison Ford, Bill Murray, and Robin Williams all come from Illinois. Staying active in the state is easy. Many lakes and rivers provide ideal conditions and locals for swimming, fishing, and boating! Professional sports also are a big part of the state. Fans continue to attend sold out games at stadiums and to cheer for their favorite teams. Illinois has two Major League Baseball teams. Entertainment has been thrilling people year round!

- Entertainment refers to  
A. arts                      B. writing                      C. music                      D. all of these
- Music is important to people in Illinois.                      True                      False
- Blues, \_\_\_\_\_, and folk music are popular.  
A. fishing                      B. baseball                      C. jazz                      D. country
- Illinois boasts many lakes and \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. mountains                      B. operas                      C. rivers                      D. doesn't say
- Professional \_\_\_\_\_ are a big part of the entertainment scene.  
A. sports                      B. fans                      C. series                      D. stadium
- How many Major League Baseball teams are from Illinois?  
A. two                      B. three                      C. four                      D. none of these



## Answers

### Page 1

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. D

### Page 2

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. B
5. A
6. C

### Page 3

1. true
2. B
3. Iroquois Confederacy
4. A
5. B
6. Answers will vary.

### Page 4

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. true

### Page 5

1. D
2. true
3. C
4. C
5. A
6. A