

Directions:

Read the text below. Answer each question that follows.

Geography!

Alabama hosts both beautiful rolling hills as well as the Appalachian Mountains. A large river used as a source of energy runs through the state. This river is the Tennessee River. Most of Alabama is flat land used for farming. A small portion of the state's border runs along the Gulf of Mexico. Five regions exist in the state. They include the Appalachian Plateau, Piedmont Plateau, Ridge and Valley Region, Interior Low Plateau, and the Gulf Coastal Plain. This is the largest of the regions and has the nickname Black Belt. The nickname was given as a result of the rich and fertile soil as well as the richness in lumber. Warm and long summers exist in Alabama while winters are often gentle and mild.

- Hills and _____ exist in Alabama.
A. highways B. mountains C. A and B D. doesn't say
 - This river flows through Alabama.
A. Mississippi B. Hudson C. Tennessee D. none of these
 - Flat land covers most of the state. True False
 - What body of water does part of the state's border lie?
A. Hudson River B. Atlantic Ocean C. Gulf of Mexico D. all of these
 - How many regions exist in this east south central state?
A. two B. five C. four D. A and C
 - What does fertile mean?
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History

First Nation inhabitants lived in this region close to 10,000 years ago. Many were hunters who would live in caves. Crops were planted and permanent settlements were established around 1,000 BC. Many years later, villages were built around large mounds of earth. Sometimes, these early residents of the region are referred to as the Mound Builders. By the eighteenth century, Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Native American groups inhabited the area. Many of these First Nation groups were later forced to live on reservations by the United States government.

1. First Nation groups refer to
A. Europeans B. Native Americans C. A & B D. none of these
2. These early groups _____ for food.
A. hunted B. grew C. fished D. doesn't say
3. About when were permanent settlements established?
A. 10,000 B. 1,000 BC C. 18th century D. none of these
4. How do you think the Mound Builders got their name?

5. By the _____ century, other Native American groups such as the Cherokee began to settle in the area.
A. 1,000 BC B. 10,000 C. 18th century D. all of these
6. How do you think Native Americans felt when forced to move?



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Exploration

It's believed that Spanish explorers were the first Europeans to reach the state today known as Alabama. In 1519, Alonso Alvarez de Pineda navigated into Mobile Bay. Other explorers arrived in 1540 in search of gold. Native American villages were raided and many were forcefully removed and treated as slaves. Additionally, many were tortured. This treatment of Native Americans was at the hand and commands of Hernando de Soto. As a result of this treatment, relationships between the explorer and the First Nation people suffered and often resulted in conflict. In addition to the conflicts that existed, many Native American's also died as a result of disease. Europeans brought illnesses foreign to the Native cultures and many became sick and perished.

1. Explorers from this European country were the first to arrive in Alabama.
A. England B. Spain C. Italy D. none of these
2. Alonso Alvarez de Pineda sailed into _____ Bay.
A. Mobile B. Cape Cod C. Chesapeake D. doesn't say
3. What were European explorers looking for?
A. gold B. silver C. relatives D. all of these
4. Native Americans were treated _____ by European explorers.
A. poorly B. badly C. awfully D. all of these
5. What resulted through this treatment?
A. fights B. conflict C. A & B D. none of these
6. What does the word perish mean?
A. die B. disappear C. A & B D. none of these



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Industry

The industry that collects close to \$50 million dollars annually is fishing! Both freshwater and saltwater products are caught and sold. The most valuable saltwater seafood caught is shrimp! Additional seafood important to this industry includes red snapper, blue crabs, and oysters. The “Seafood Capital of Alabama” is located in Bayou la Batre. Freshwater foods include catfish, buffalofish, and mussels. Iron and steel production are also important to the state’s economy. Most steel production occurs in these locals: Birmingham, Decatur, and Gadsden. Additionally, mining is important to the annual revenue collected by Alabama.

1. Fishing collects approximately _____ million dollars each year.
A. 40 B. 80 C. 50 D. none of these
2. Freshwater and _____ water products are part of the fishing industry.
A. salt B. clear C. blue D. all of these
3. Do you like shrimp? Why or why not?

4. Oysters are collected in freshwater. True False
5. The Bayou la Batre is considered the seafood _____.
A. capital B. home C. land D. doesn't say
6. Steel and _____ are also important industries to Alabama.
A. revenue B. water C. iron D. all of these



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People!

The state of Alabama has a strong and rooted connection to the United State's civil rights movement. Many buildings in Alabama have been renovated to become what today is known as the Civil Rights District. The Alabama Jazz Hall, located in what was once the Carver Theater, is part of Birmingham's Fourth Avenue Business District. This area is comparable to other African American cultural centers such as New York's Harlem or Chicago's Bronzeville. European cultural roots are celebrated often in the city known as Mobile. Here, each year, a Mardi Gras helps combine and celebrate Spanish and French cultures. Today, many parades are held over a several week period where participants have on masks and throw beads and gifts to the crowds.

- Alabama has strong ties to the American Civil Rights Movement. True False
- What does the term renovate mean?
A. restore B. ruin C. fix D. A and C
- This building is located in the Fourth Avenue Business District.
A. Birmingham B. Alabama Jazz Hall C. District D. none of these
- This area hosts European cultures.
A. French B. Spanish C. Mobile D. doesn't say
- What celebration is held here each year?
A. Mardi Gras B. swim meet C. beads D. all of these
- Would you like to attend a Mardi Gras in Alabama? Why or why not?



Answers

Page 1

1. B
2. C
3. True
4. C
5. B
6. Answers will vary.

Page 2

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. Answers will vary.
5. C
6. Answers will vary.

Page 3

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

Page 4

1. C
2. A
3. Answers will vary.
4. false
5. A
6. C

Page 5

1. true
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. Answers will vary.