

TAKS–M Grade 11 Social Studies

Original TAKS Items

- 1 What event caused the United States to immediately abandon neutrality during World War II?
- A* The attack on Pearl Harbor
 - B The Warsaw Ghetto uprising
 - C The bombing of Great Britain
 - D The Battle of Stalingrad

Objective 1

Use the excerpt and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

Vessels of every kind, whatever their flag, their character, their cargo, their destination, their errand, have been ruthlessly sent to the bottom without warning and without thought of help or mercy for those on board. . . .

— *Excerpt from President Woodrow Wilson's War Message, April 2, 1917*

- 2 The excerpt above supports justification for the U.S. entry into which of the following wars?
- A Spanish-American War
 - B* World War I
 - C World War II
 - D Russo-Japanese War

Objective 1

Use the information in the box and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration created
- National Defense Education Act passed
- Federal money to improve schools granted
- Money for research and development appropriated
- U.S. military industrial complex grew

- 3 Which event stimulated the development of the measures listed above?
- A Dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima
 - B* Launching of the Soviet satellite *Sputnik I*
 - C Army-McCarthy hearings
 - D U2 incident over the Soviet Union

Objective 2

Use the table and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

Change in Urban and Rural Population in Texas

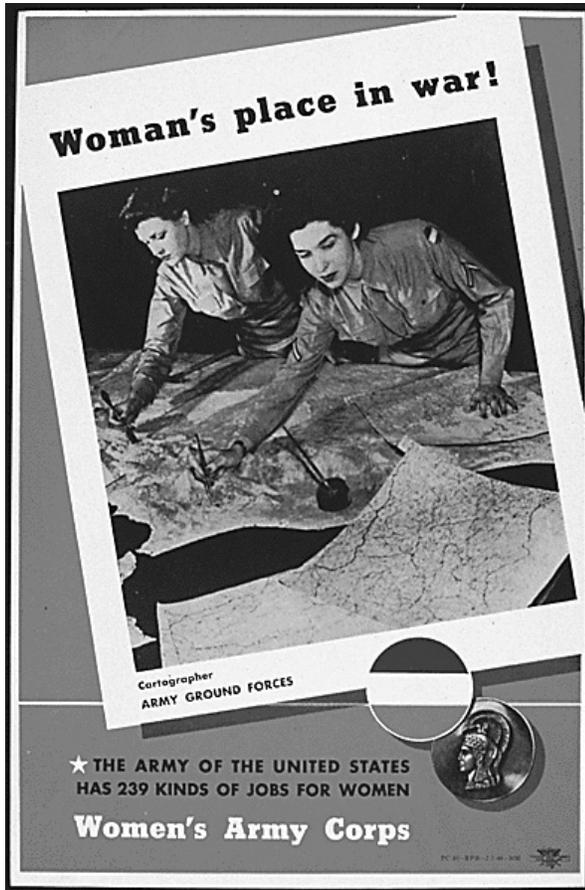
Year	Percent Urban Population	Percent Rural Population
1900	17.1	82.9
1910	24.1	75.9
1920	32.4	67.6
1930	41.0	59.0
1940	45.4	54.6
1950	62.7	37.3
1960	75.0	25.0
1970	79.7	20.3
1980	79.6	20.4
1990	80.3	19.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- 4 According to the table above, in which year did the percent of urban population first become greater than the percent of rural population in Texas?
- A 1910
 - B* 1950
 - C 1970
 - D 1990

Objective 2

Use the poster and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

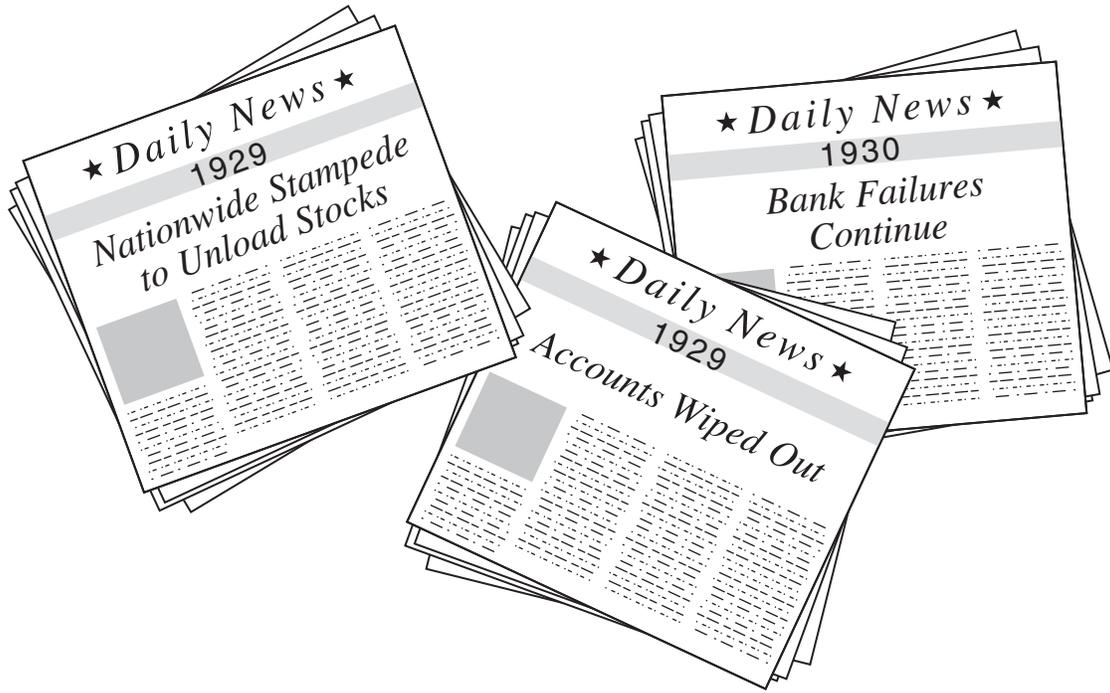


Source: NARA

- 5 Which of the following statements does the World War II poster above best support?
- A Women were assigned to unimportant positions.
 - B* Women worked in nontraditional occupations.
 - C Women did not meet the demands placed on them.
 - D Women were expected to return to homemaking after the war.

Objective 3

Use the illustrations and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



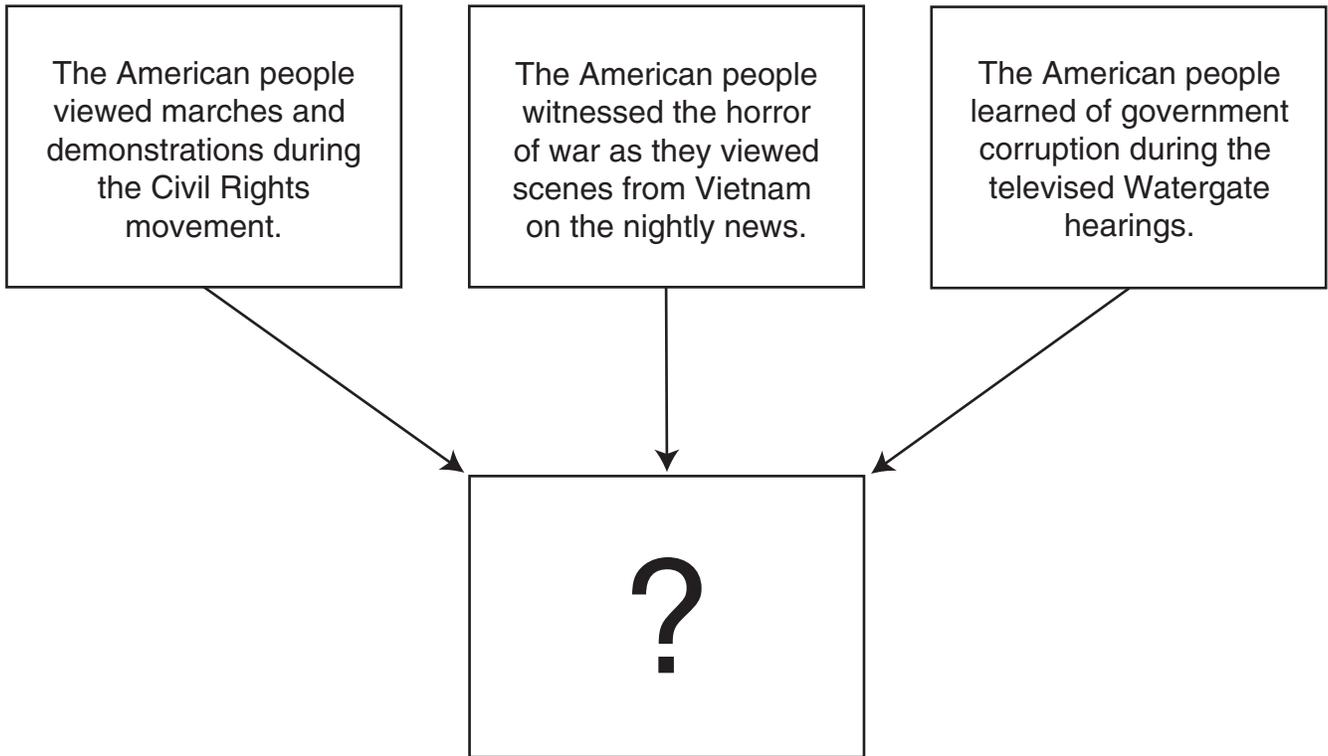
- 6 The events described in the newspaper headlines above were a cause of —
- A the end of Progressive reform
 - B World War I
 - C the rise of the Ku Klux Klan
 - D* the Great Depression

Objective 3

- 7** The Voting Rights Act of 1965 suspended literacy tests used by some states —
- A*** as barriers to prevent minority participation in the election process
 - B** to ensure the election of minority candidates
 - C** to ensure that financial contributions were made to political candidates
 - D** as justification for increasing the number of election officials

Objective 4

Use the diagram and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.



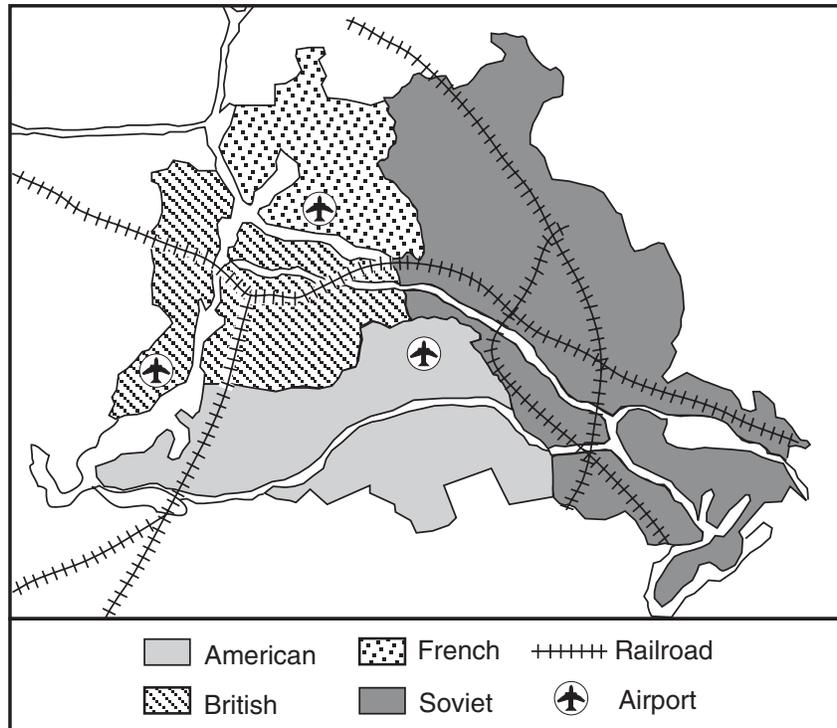
8 Which of the following best completes the diagram above?

- A Examples of judicial abuse of power
- B*** The results of free speech and a free press
- C Examples of government checks and balances
- D The impact of the separation of powers

Objective 4

Use the map and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

Military Occupation Zones in Berlin, 1949



- 9 Which statement is supported by the information on the map?
- A Berliners could travel freely to any part of the city.
 - B Only planes had international access to Berlin.
 - C The four occupying nations worked to unite Berlin under one government.
 - D* The Soviet zone lacked direct access to air travel.

Objective 5

Use the information in the box and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

The Great Wall of China

- Considered one of the great wonders of the world
- Began as independent defensive fortifications during the Spring, Autumn, and Warring States periods of Chinese history
- Independent walls connected during the Qin dynasty
- Continued to be constructed through the Ming dynasty
- Stretches for 4,163 miles across deserts, grasslands, and mountains
- Considered the largest military structure in the world

10 Based on the information above, why did Chinese rulers modify the physical environment by creating a massive wall across the country?

- A*** To keep out enemy invaders
- B** To prevent the annual flooding of Chinese rivers
- C** To provide jobs for Chinese citizens
- D** To encourage foreign trade

Objective 5

TAKS-M Items

1 What event caused the United States to enter World War II?

A* The attack on Pearl Harbor

B The Warsaw Ghetto uprising

C The Battle of Stalingrad

Objective 1

2 Read the quotation below.

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— *from President Woodrow Wilson's War Message, April 2, 1917*

This quotation gives a reason for U.S. entry into which war?

- A Spanish-American War
- B*** World War I
- C Russo-Japanese War

Objective 1

3 Read the information in the box below.

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was created.
- The National Defense Education Act was passed.
- Money was granted for scientific research and development.
- The relationship grew between the U.S. military and private industry.

Which of the following caused the events listed in this box?

- A** The atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.
- B*** The Soviet Union launched the satellite *Sputnik I*.
- C** The Army-McCarthy hearings were held.

Objective 2

- 4 Study the table below. It shows the change in urban and rural population in Texas.

Year	Percent Urban Population	Percent Rural Population
1910	24	76
1930	41	59
1950	63	37
1970	80	20

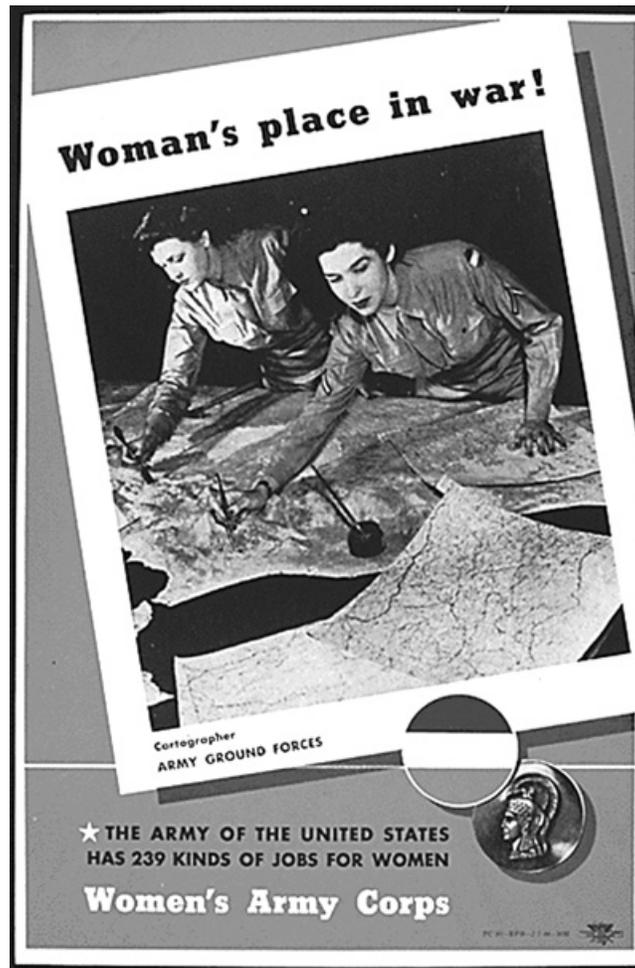
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Based on this table, what was the first year that the percent of urban population was greater than the percent of rural population?

- A 1910
- B*** 1950
- C 1970

Objective 2

5 Look at the World War II poster below. It shows women making maps.



Source: NARA

This poster supports which statement?

- A*** During the war, women did jobs they usually had not done before.
- B** Women did not meet the demands placed on them.
- C** After the war, women were expected to return to their jobs in the home.

Objective 3

6 Read the newspaper headlines below.



Which of these was caused by the events described in the newspaper headlines?

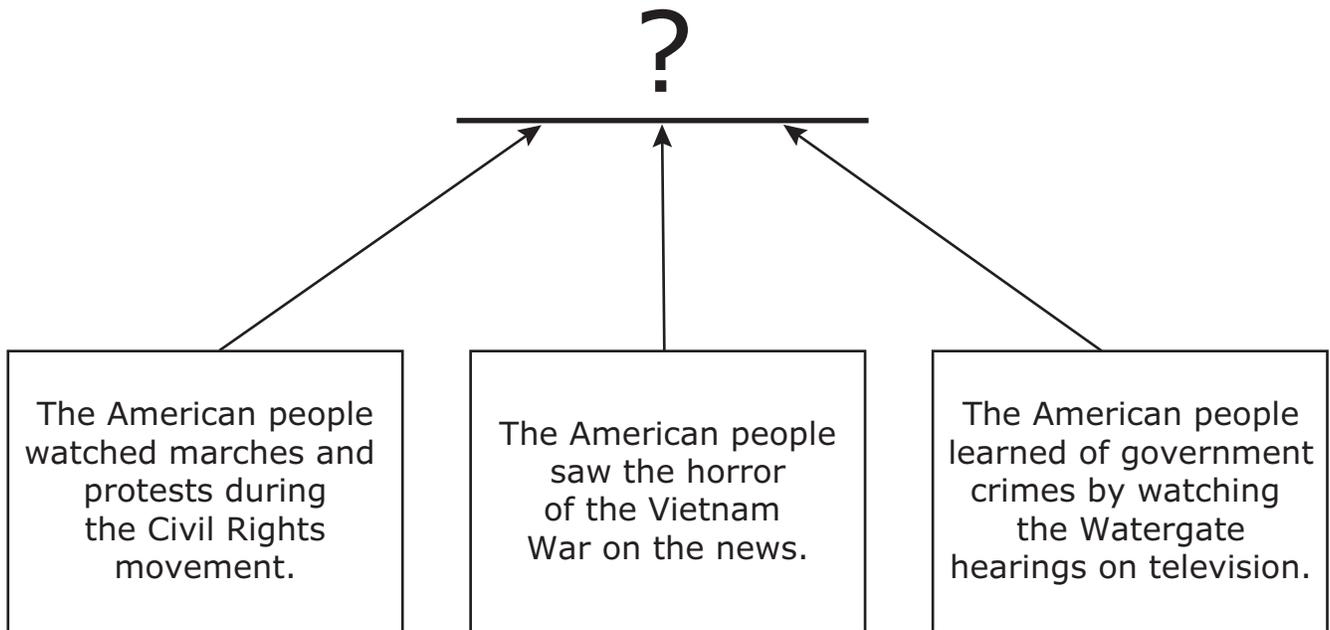
- A The end of Progressive reforms
- B The rise of the Ku Klux Klan
- C* The Great Depression

Objective 3

- 7** The Voting Rights Act of 1965 prevented states from using literacy tests to —
- A*** keep minority citizens from participating in elections
 - B** make sure money was donated to political candidates
 - C** increase the number of election officials

Objective 4

8 Read the information in the diagram below.



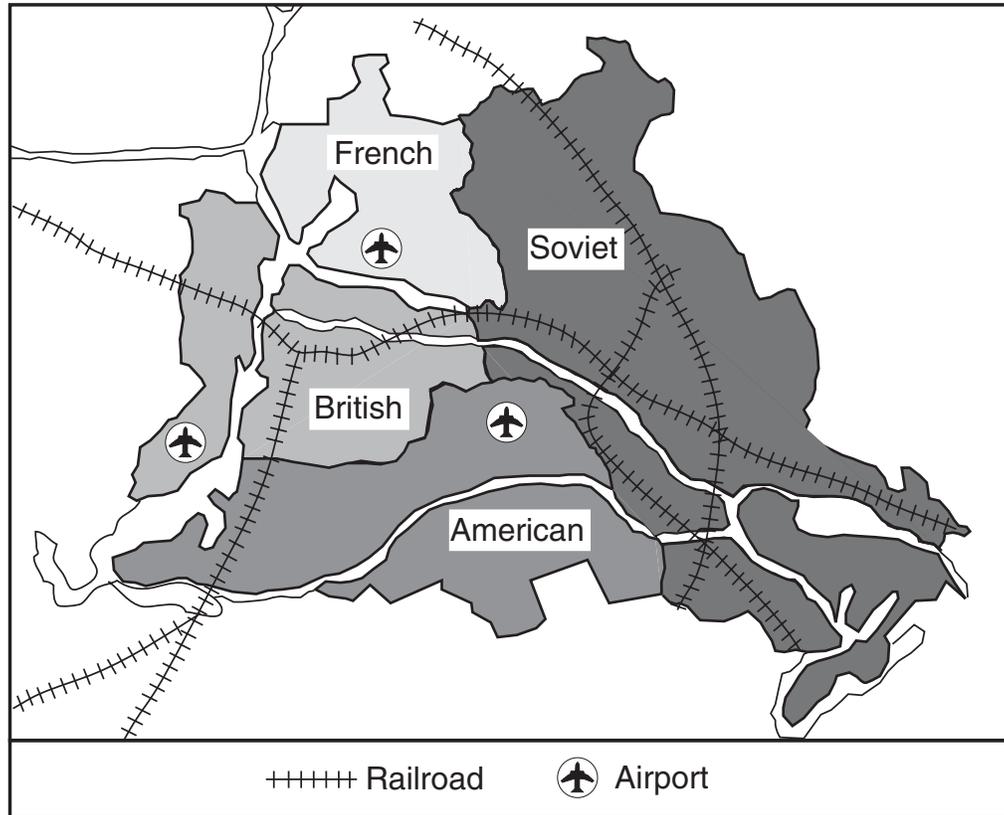
Which title is best for this diagram?

- A*** Results of Free Speech and Free Press
- B** Government Checks and Balances
- C** Impact of Separation of Powers

Objective 4

- 9 Study the map below. It shows areas of Berlin occupied by military forces from other countries.

Military Occupation Zones in Berlin, 1949



Based on this map, which statement is true?

- A People from Berlin could travel freely to any part of the city.
- B Only planes had international access to Berlin.
- C* The Soviet zone did not have direct access to air travel.

Objective 5

10 Read the information in the box below.

The Great Wall of China

- It is considered one of the great wonders of the world.
- It started as separate forts used for defense.
- It stretches for 4,163 miles across deserts, grasslands, and mountains.
- It was considered the largest military structure in the world.

Based on the information in this box, why did Chinese rulers change the physical environment by building the Great Wall of China?

- A*** To keep out enemy invaders
- B** To provide jobs for Chinese citizens
- C** To encourage foreign trade

Objective 5