

English Test – The USA: History and generalities

A- GENERALITIES

→ fill in the blanks

..... is the capital city of the USA. The is the symbol of the USA.

There are political parties in the USA: the and the Their symbols are respectively the and the Donald Trump is a

The fifty stars on the American flag represent the Every morning the children say the at school in the USA.

B- HISTORY

→ fill in the blanks with the words given don't forget to conjugate the verbs

In 1492 C. Columbus (1) America but the first English (2) arrived in the US in the early 17th century. The Pilgrim Fathers (3) from England to Massachusetts in 1620.

In 1776, the English colonies seceded and (4) the 13 original states of the USA. A few years later, the first President was elected. The USA has had a short history but it was somewhat eventful: there was the Gold Rush in the mid-19th century, the Civil War in the 1860's when the North defeated the South and (5) (6) The African-Americans have suffered a long period of injustices and mistreatment. Rosa Parks stood up for her (7) she was supported by Martin Luther King and they started a yearlong bus boycott. The troubles did not stop there because the Vietnam war led to violent (8) in the streets. President Kennedy was (9) in Dallas in 1963 and M. Luther King was also assassinated in the late 1960's. One major event stands as a turning point in American history, indeed in September 2001, two hijacked planes (10) on the Twin Towers in NY killing over 3,000 people. Finally, one can say that November 2008 is also a landmark in the US history as Barack Obama was the first African-American to (11) President of the USA.

| Verbs (to conjugate- à conjuguer) | Nouns | | | |
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| to abolish | to become | to crash | | demonstrations rights |
| to discover | to sail | to shoot | to found | settlers slavery |

C- FOCUS ON HISTORY

→ Answer the following questions with full sentences or tick the right answers
(there may be several!)

a) The American Civil War started in
 Eighty sixteen-five Eighteen sixty-five Eighty sixteen-one Eighteen sixty-one

b) The American Civil War ended in
 Eighty sixteen-five Eighteen sixty-five Eighty sixteen-one Eighteen sixty-one

c) Who won? The North The South The Union The Confederacy

d) Slavery was abolished in:
 Eighty sixteen-five Eighteen sixty-five Eighty sixteen-one Eighteen sixty-one

Writing

1. What do "KKK" and "NRA" stand for?

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2. Who were the targets of the KKK?

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3. Why was it profitable to have slaves?

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4. Why did the Pilgrims leave Europe?

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BONUS (give the equivalent)

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| La foi | s'enfuir | manifester | vaincre |
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