

I. Fill in the blanks with “a”, “an”, “the”, or “x” (“x” represents the absence of the article) to complete the following statements adapted from “*Control The Choke Point: How The US Stole The Panama Canal*”.

1. There is one lake in ____ Central America in which you can see ____ tops of ____ trees in ____ lake.
2. These are not ____ islands. They are ____ hilltops.
3. It used to be ____ dense jungle, not ____ lake.
4. They build ____ dams and all sorts of ____ infrastructure.
5. In ____ name of solving ____ puzzle.
6. It looked easy to cut ____ waterway into that thin stretch of land to increase ____ international trade.
7. Whoever controls ____ water has ____ power.
8. ____ Spanish attempted to create ____ canal in ____ 14th century, and ____ Scottish tried it in ____ 15th century, but it was ____ French engineer, Ferdinand the Lesseps, who made ____ most serious attempt in ____ 1880.
9. We did it in ____ Egypt with ____ Suez Canal, but ____ Egypt is ____ flat desert, and ____ Panama is not.
10. ____ canal is going to be at ____ sea level.
11. ____ US was really starting to get ____ handle on ____ whole imperialism thing.
12. Philippe went to ____ US Congress and told them that there were ____ volcanoes in ____ Nicaragua. They even had ____ postage stamp featuring ____ volcano erupting.
13. What if ____ French engineer could guarantee your independence from ____ Colombia?