

Becoming Americans Quiz Study Guide

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Circle the correct answer:

1. What was the possibility for a person to move from one social class to another?
 - A. Social Class
 - B. Social Security
 - C. Social Mobility
 - D. Social Status

2. What was another name for the “upper class” in the American colonies?
 - A. Gentry
 - B. Proletariat
 - C. Bureaucracy
 - D. The Elect

3. What was the name given to the renewed interest in religion in the English American colonies in the 1730s and 1740s?
 - A. Renaissance
 - B. Enlightenment
 - C. Great Awakening
 - D. Evangelism

4. What was the name given to the movement which emphasized science and reason as the guides to life?
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 - B. Enlightenment
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5. John Locke thought that the purpose of government was to protect people’s “natural rights.” According to Locke, what are those natural rights?
 - A. Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness
 - B. Freedom to Be, Freedom to Grow, Freedom to Succeed
 - C. Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press, Freedom of Religion
 - D. Life, Liberty, and Ownership of Property

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6. Who was the most famous American scientist in the 1700s?

- A. Alexander Graham Bell
- B. Benjamin Franklin
- C. Albert Einstein
- D. Thomas Edison

7. Who was the first published African American poet?

- A. Anne Dudley Bradstreet
- B. Frederick Douglass
- C. James Baldwin
- D. Phillis Wheatley

8. What was the name of Benjamin Franklin's best selling publication in which he printed opinions, sayings, calendars, and weather forecasts?

- A. *Pennsylvania Gazette*
- B. *Poor Richard's Almanack*
- C. *Philadelphia Colonial Voice*
- D. *American Year*

9. Who started the first lending library in America?

- A. John Adams
- B. Benjamin Franklin
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. George Washington

10. Who improved the postal service/mail service in the American colonies?

- A. John Adams
- B. Benjamin Franklin
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. George Washington

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Answers:

1. C Social Mobility
2. A Gentry
3. C Great Awakening
4. B Enlightenment
5. D. Life, Liberty, and Ownership of Property
6. B. Benjamin Franklin
7. D. Phillis Wheatley
8. B. *Poor Richard's Almanack*
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