

A New Nation: The United States of America

🕒 Time and Change

- Turn to pages 32–33 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also compare map A, “North America 1783,” with map C, “North America 1763” on page 29. Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.
 - The United States was officially recognized in 1783. _____
 - The western boundary of the United States was the Appalachian Mountains.

 - Spain gained territory after 1763. _____
 - More of North America was claimed in 1783 than in 1763. _____
 - The U.S. Constitution was written in 1781. _____

★ Places, Regions, and Landscapes

- Look at map B, “Western Land Claims.” Also look at graph C, “A Small Population,” and picture D. Use the information to answer the following questions.
 - Which two states had the largest land claims in the West?
_____ and _____
 - Which five states had no claims in the West? _____,
_____, _____,
_____, and _____
 - How many people lived in the United States in 1790? _____
 - Who lived in the West? _____

🕒 People and Cultures

- Look at graph E, “People of the New Nation.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - The largest ethnic group in the United States was the _____.
 - The second largest group was the _____.
 - Germans made up _____ percent of the population.

 Location

4. Look at map B and map F, “United States.” Match the new territory or state with the states that previously claimed it.

New Territory or State

Previous State Claims

- a. Territory south of Ohio River ◦
- b. Northwest Territory ◦
- c. Vermont ◦

- New York, North Carolina
South Carolina, Georgia
- New York, New Hampshire
- Virginia, New York, Massachusetts,
Connecticut

 Thinking About History

5. Look at map G, “Slavery in the New Nation.” Also look at graph E and picture H. Use the information to complete the following paragraph.

African Americans made up _____ percent of the population of the United States in 1790. _____ states began to abolish slavery after the Revolution. By 1800, north of Maryland, only two states— _____ and _____—had a slave population over 1 percent. South of Pennsylvania, only the states of _____, _____, and _____ had a slave population of less than 30 percent. Slavery also expanded into western territories. The _____ Territory had a slave population over 30 percent in 1800. Most of the slaves in these southern states and territories worked on _____.

 History Through Maps

6. Look again at map G. Use the information to rank the states from lowest to highest percentage of slaves in the population.

State

Percent of Slaves

- a. Massachusetts _____
- b. New Jersey _____
- c. Tennessee _____
- d. North Carolina _____
- e. Georgia _____