A New Nation:
The United States of America

Time and Change
1. 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.

a. The United States was officially recognized in 1783. __________

b. The western boundary of the United States was the Appalachian Mountains. __________

c. Spain gained territory after 1763. __________

d. More of North America was claimed in 1783 than in 1763. __________

e. The U.S. Constitution was written in 1781. __________

Places, Regions, and Landscapes
2. 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.

a. Which two states had the largest land claims in the West?

b. Which five states had no claims in the West?

c. How many people lived in the United States in 1790?

d. Who lived in the West?

People and Cultures
3. Look at graph E, "People of the New Nation." Use the information to complete the following sentences.

a. The largest ethnic group in the United States was the ____________.

b. The second largest group was the ____________.

c. Germans made up ________ percent of the population.
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**

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

**Previous State Claims**

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

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 _________.

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

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