FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Suppose you were a member of an Indigenous nation during the Civil War. Would you have supported the Union, supported the Confederacy, or tried to stay neutral? Why?

3. What was the first major battle of the Civil War?

A. the Battle of Bull Run
B. the Battle of Shiloh
C. the Battle of Gettysburg

4. Why was the Battle of Vicksburg a turning point of the war?

A. The battle helped Abraham Lincoln win reelection.
B. Enslaved people gained their freedom.
C. The Union divided the Confederacy in half.

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Answer Key for The American Civil War

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C

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FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 3.

2. Why do you think Indigenous nations were not invited to the peace talks in 1783?

3. What was the last major battle of the American Revolutionary War?

A. the Battle of Saratoga
B. the Siege of Yorktown
C. the Battle of Bunker Hill

4. What outcome would have been most likely if France had not joined the war?

A. The United States would not have gained independence.
B. The Patriots would have defeated the British much sooner.
C. The British would have left the American colonies and invaded France.

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Answer Key for The American Revolutionary War

1. Answers will vary
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3. B
4. A

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FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR

THE VIETNAM WAR

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 3.

2. Do you think the United States should have gotten involved in the Vietnam War? Why or why not?

3. Which president sent the first US ground troops to fight in Vietnam?

A. John F. Kennedy
B. Lyndon B. Johnson
C. Richard Nixon

4. How did the Tet Offensive help North Vietnam win the war?

A. The North stopped relying on surprise attacks for the rest of the war.
B. The North kept control of all the cities it attacked in South Vietnam.
C. The attacks showed the United States it was trapped in a long war.

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Answer Key for The Vietnam War

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3. B
4. C

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FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR

THE WAR ON TERROR

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 1.

2. Knowing how the War on Terror unfolded, how do you think the United States should have responded after the September 11 attacks? Why?

3. When did the Afghanistan War end?

A. 2001
B. 2011
C. 2021

4. Why did US troops return to Iraq in 2014?

A. Saddam Hussein came back to power in Iraq.
B. The Islamic State took over part of Iraq.
C. The Afghanistan War ended, freeing up troops.

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Answer Key for The War on Terror

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B

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FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR

WORLD WAR I

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main causes of World War I.

2. After World War I, laws banned the use of poison gas. Do you think there are other weapons that militaries should not be allowed to use in war? Why or why not?

3. When did Russia exit the war?

A. October 1915
B. December 1917
C. November 1918

4. Why would cutting off a country's supplies reduce its ability to fight?

A. Most countries rely on foreign nations to train their militaries.
B. Most countries buy at least some food and materials from other nations.
C. Most countries cannot get supplies from their allies.

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Answer Key for World War I

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2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. B

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FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR

WORLD WAR II

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 1.

2. After winning World War II, the Allies used their militaries to occupy several areas. Do you think this was the right approach? Why or why not?

3. What strategy did the Allies use in the Pacific?

A. defensive fighting
B. island-hopping
C. blitzkrieg

4. Why did the Allies require Germany and Japan to shrink their militaries?

A. so the two countries could attack each other after the war
B. so the two countries would have more money to feed people
C. so the two countries would have a hard time expanding again

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Answer Key for World War II

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3. B
4. C

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