

DIVERSE AMERICA OLYMPIAD

2011

LANDMARKS (25 points)

1. What is the function of the Oval Office in the White House and in which wing is it situated? (2p)

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2. What is the object called. Which city does it provide with electricity? (2p)

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3. What was the purpose of the advertisement? (1p)

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4. What is the name of the bridge? Where is it located and what is its name derived from? (3p)

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5. What place do you see in the picture? What used to be the purpose of the site between 1892-1954 and what is it at the present? (3p)

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6. Once it was the tallest building in the world. What is the building called and where is it situated? (2p)

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7. Where is the island Alcatraz located? What is its nickname? (2p)

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8. What is the geographical landmark called? In which US state is it? (2p)

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9. What is the monument called and what does it symbolize? (2p)

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10. In which state is the landmark and what is it called? (2p)

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11. What is the memorial called? Where is it located? What do the columns around it symbolize? (3p)

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12. What is the name of the city and who were the first settlers? (2p)

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SYMBOLS (20 points)

1. What is the name of the coat of arms of the United States? (1p)

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2. What is the oath of loyalty to the national flag and to the United States of America called? (1p)

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3. The Statue of Liberty had the same armature structural engineer, who also made the symbol of France. What was his name? (1p)

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4. When and why was the Liberty Bell first rung? (2p)

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5. What is the US flag called? Where do its colors come from? What do the stars and stripes express? (3p)

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6. Two of the current banknotes do not feature a president of the United States. Which ones? (2p)

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7. What is the motto on every US coin and banknote? (1p)

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8. What is the name of this symbol and who does it represent? (2p)



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9. Where does the US Congress meet? (1p)

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10. This is considered as an item representing American culture. Originally it was formulated as a patent medicine in a drugstore in Columbus, Georgia, in 1886. Now it is popular all over the world. What is it? (1p)

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11. This musical tradition and style of music originated at the beginning of the 20th century in African American communities in the southern states from a confluence of African and European music traditions. Its name was first a slang term and became widely used in about 1915. It's believed to be a truly American music style which has spread everywhere in the world and developed many subgenres. What style is it? (1p)

12. Congress adopted this cartoon image as an official symbol in 1961. The most famous image of him is the Army recruiting poster during World war I. Nowadays this image has been criticized as a misinterpretation of what America is today. What symbol is it? (1p)

13. This cartoon and comic strip character has become the favorite of the children of numerous generations. It was created and voiced in 1928. It is the first cartoon character to have a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. What is this cartoon character called? (1p)

14. What is Air Force One? (1p)

15. How do they call the first 10 amendments in The Constitution of the United States of America? (1p)

PRESIDENTS (20 points)

1. Who was the first and the only president to resign from office and why? (2p)

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2. The first teddy bears were made in the United States and were named after one American president. Who was the president and why were teddy bears named after him? (2p)

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3. How long can American president serve and what is the ceremony called when the new elected president officially takes power? (2p)

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4. How are these presidents- George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt- connected? (1p)

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5. Which president is called “the father of his country” and who is “the first in the hearts of his countrymen”? (1p)

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6. Which president celebrated his 100th anniversary on 6. February this year? Why was he especially important to Estonia? (2p)

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7. Kennedy worked for a time as a _____ before running for the House of Representatives. Which prestigious prize did he receive for it? (2p)

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8. Two presidents have been sons of former presidents. Name these two pairs of presidents: fathers and sons. (2p)

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9. He wrote in a private letter, "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." Born in 1743, he was the first President to be inaugurated in Washington DC, a city that he helped to plan. The foremost spokesperson for Democracy of his time, he was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence and a leader in American culture. Although he kept slaves, he is famed as a champion of political and religious freedom who loved liberty in every form. Who was he? (1p)

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10. Who ended slavery in the southern states and when? (2p)

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11. What is Camp David? (1p)

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12. Who was the 1st US president to live at the White House? (1p)

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13. President Barack H. Obama – what does the “H” stand for? (1p)

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HOLIDAYS (14 points)

1. What is the name of a holiday celebrated on February, 2 that predicts the length of winter and how exactly is it predicted? (2p)

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2. The colors of this holiday are orange and black. What is the name of this holiday? (1p)

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3. What does the President of the USA do on Easter Monday? (1p)

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4. This day became a federal holiday in 1986 and is observed on the third Monday in January. It honors the late civil rights leader, who is recognized for his tireless efforts to win civil rights for all people through nonviolent means. He was assassinated in 1968. What day is it? (1p)

5. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the 4th Thursday in November? What does it mark? What is the traditional food on that day? (2p)

6. What is 9/11? Give the name of the day. What does it observe? (2p)

7. In 1492 an explorer reached the shores of “India”. Which American holiday is related to that event? (1p)

8. What does the President’s Day celebrate? (1p)

9. Which holiday commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776? When is it celebrated? (2p)

10. What does the Earth Day promote? (1p)

Your full names:

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