

WORLD NEWS QUIZ

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Questions for the week of May 9, 2011

Questions	Answers
1. What Taliban leader and mastermind of the 9/11 terrorist attacks was killed by US military last week?	Osama bin Laden
2. According to news reports, the raid that killed bin Laden was made up of CIA and what other elite forces?	US Navy SEALs
3. What does the Navy acronym 'SEAL' mean?	Sea, Air, Land
4. Bin Laden was found residing in what country?	Pakistan
5. What procedure was used to verify the identity of bin Laden's body?	DNA testing
6. Where was bin Laden's body buried?	Buried at Sea
7. Communities throughout the Midwest are battling flooding of what river?	Mississippi
8. Which of the following states does not border Iowa? a)Nebraska b)North Dakota c)Missouri	b) North Dakota
9. When Katie Couric steps down from CBS Evening News, who will become the new anchor?	Scott Pelley
10. What is the full name of C.B.S.?	Columbia Broadcasting Service
11. Three answers: During WWII, which three countries were known as the Axis coalition?	Germany, Italy, Japan
12. In his 2002 State of the Union speech, which US president labeled North Korea, Iran, and Iraq as the <i>Axis of Evil</i> ?	George W. Bush
13. For a second time in recent weeks, hackers have gained access to personal data of customers of what online gaming giant?	Sony Corp
14. Which Japanese auto maker has won a ten-year contract to supply all of New York City's taxis?	Nissan
15. In which country will the vehicles actually be built?	Mexico
16. Which international organization's primary goal is to develop friendly relations among nations?	United Nations
17. In what year was the United Nations founded? a)1918 b)1929 c)1945 d)1963	c)1945
18. United Nations peace keeping forces are known for what color helmets?	Blue
19. In the wake of devastating tornadoes in Alabama, four Florida men posing as relief workers were arrested for what crime?	Looting
20. Which country invaded Tibet in 1951, destroyed its cultural institutions, and forced religious leader the Dalai Lama into exile?	China
21. Julian Assange is the founder of what information-leaking website?	Wikileaks
22. Assange claims that what social network is actually a spy tool of the US government?	Facebook
23. What residence is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue?	The White House
24. In order to help deal with unruly passengers, Hong Kong Airlines is asking flight attendants to learn what?	Kung Fu
25. To mark the killing of bin Laden, President Obama visited what city?	New York
26. What is the name for the New York site where terrorist attacks brought down the World Trade Center?	Ground Zero
27. Which former president turned down Barack Obama's invitation to attend ceremonies at Ground Zero?	George W. Bush

28. Who is the current US Attorney General?	Eric Holder
29. Who is currently serving his second term as president of Afghanistan since the US defeat of the Taliban in 2002?	Harmid Karzai
30. Throughout most of history, the area of Iran was known by what name?	Persia
31. What sports hall of fame is located in Cooperstown, New York?	Baseball
32. With 80% of its population living on less than \$2 per day, what is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere?	Haiti
33. A recent study claims that 47% of the residents of what Michigan city are illiterate?	Detroit
34. After he was short-changed in a crack deal, a South Carolina man was arrested after dialing what number to complain?	911
35. Sunni is one of the two major sects in Islam. What is the other?	Shi'ite
36. Which Major League Baseball team plays in the stadium nicknamed "The House that Ruth Built"?	New York Yankees
37. What terrorist group released a statement saying bin Laden's death is a "curse" on Americans?	al Qaeda
38. <i>Suez</i> , <i>Erie</i> , and <i>Panama</i> are all names of what?	Canals
39. Workers are trying to save 16 beached pilot whales in the waters off which US state?	Florida
40. After a 13-year underground sleep, what noisy insect will soon be heard across the South and parts of the Midwest?	Cicadas
41. What government institution is commonly known as "The Fed"?	Federal Reserve System
42. Who is the current Chairman of the Federal Reserve?	Ben Bernanke
43. What movie, the 4 th in the <i>Pirates of the Caribbean</i> series, releases Friday, May 20 th ?	<i>On Stranger Tides</i>
44. The price of what commodity, sometimes called <i>the lifeblood of an economy</i> , fell 10% last week?	Oil
45. In the days following bin Laden's death, a controversy arose over the release of what?	Photos of the body
46. What military alliance is known by the initials NATO?	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
47. NATO is headquartered in Brussels. Which is located in what country?	Belgium
48. NATO was formed in 1949 by the US and Western European nations to counter military threat from which nation?	Soviet Union (USSR)
49. What is the term for the political and military tension between the USSR and the U.S. from 1947 to 1991?	Cold War
50. In a speech at the Brandenburg Gate near the Berlin Wall in 1987, which U.S. president challenged USSR president to "tear down this wall"?	Ronald Reagan
51. Two boys and two women in Japan have died after eating raw beef contaminated with what bacteria?	<i>E. coli</i>
52. Physicist Albert Einstein is known for developing what theory?	Theory of Relativity
53. After 52 years of research and study, what US agency has confirmed two key predictions of Einstein's Theory of Relativity?	NASA
54. What East Asian nation, a rising economic powerhouse, plans to launch its first space station later this year?	China
55. Uncle Mo was scratched from what high profile sporting event last weekend?	Kentucky Derby
56. A 33-year-old in Abbottabad, Pakistan, unknowingly reported events of the bin Laden raid in real time via what social network?	<i>Twitter</i>
57. What major economic indicator rose to an eight-month high last week?	Unemployment
58. A 7-year-old Wichita boy was injured after he climbed a zoo safety railing and was attacked by what animal?	Leopard
59. What device is the number one killer of American soldiers in Afghanistan?	Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)

60. What is the controversial school nickname the University of North Dakota is fighting to keep?	Fighting Sioux
61. Playwright Arthur Laurent, who died last week, wrote <i>West Side Story</i> , a modern adaptation of what Shakespeare story?	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>
62. What are the names of the two gangs in <i>West Side Story</i> ?	Sharks Jets
63. What space launch has been delayed until May 16 th at the earliest?	<i>Endeavor</i>
64. An Oregon woman who underwent oral surgery awoke with what rare change to her speech?	A foreign accent
65. What state has an average of 124 tornadoes per year, more than any other state?	Texas
66. Following broad criticism over privacy concerns, what company has released a software update to fix a location tracking bug?	Apple (iPod, iPhone, iPad)
67. What country produces the world's largest crop of soybeans?	United States
68. What 1869 project completion ceremony in Utah featured a gold spike?	Transcontinental railroad
69. What is the capitol city of Utah?	Salt Lake City
70. Utah was settled primarily by which religious group?	Mormons
71. Sicily, Sardinia, and Cyprus are all islands in what body of water?	Mediterranean Sea
72. The Straits of Gibraltar connects the Mediterranean Sea to what Ocean?	Atlantic Ocean
73. Heavy rains and flooding in South America during April have resulted in higher prices or shortages of what popular Mothers' Day gift?	Flowers
74. Last Friday, Yves Rossy, a Swiss daredevil nicknamed "JetMan" cancelled plans to fly over what American landmark?	Grand Canyon
75. Rossy's daredevil flights are powered by what device?	Winged jet-pack
76. In which body of the US Congress is representation based on equal representation of the states?	Senate
77. A group of thieves in Detroit, dubbed the "Mad Hatters" by police because of the hats they wear, is made up of what unlikely members?	Elderly Women
78. A cholera epidemic has killed 4,500 people since October 2010 in what earthquake ravaged Caribbean nation?	Haiti
79. The source of the outbreak has been traced to improper waste disposal of what peacekeeping group?	United Nations
80. In order to deter thieves from stealing the copper wire out of its street lights, a neighborhood in Sacramento, CA, has resorted to what strategy?	Leave the lights on 24/7
81. At \$6.03 per gallon, a town in which state currently has the highest gas price in the Union?	Hana, Hawaii
82. Intelligence gathered from bin Laden's compound suggest terrorists were planning an attack on what mode of US transportation?	Trains/railway
83. What country is the largest importer of American cars?	Canada
84. The Texas legislature passed a law requiring doctors to perform a sonogram at least 24 hours before women undergo what procedure?	Abortion
85. 39 letters containing a suspicious substance have been mailed to schools in what high profile city?	Washington, D.C.
86. Four answers: Name the four living former US presidents.	George W. Bush Bill Clinton George HW Bush Jimmy Carter
87. At age 110, the last known surviving combat veteran of what conflict died last week?	WWI
88. May 6 th marked the peak of a period of meteor showers made up of debris from what comet that makes a 76-year orbit around the solar system?	Halley's Comet
89. Engaged to be married, Paul McCartney was a member of what British rock band?	The Beatles
90. For taxation purposes, the Obama Administration is considering electronic devices to monitor what aspect of Americans' driving habits?	Number of miles driven

Lewis and Clark Expedition, May 14, 1804	
91. In 1803, the U.S. purchased Louisiana Territory from what country?	France
92. Which U.S. president ordered the Lewis & Clark expedition?	Thomas Jefferson
93. Near what Missouri city did the Corps of Discovery begin and end their journey?	St. Louis, MO
94. Which major U.S. river did the Corps of Discovery navigate for most of the journey?	The Missouri River
95. Who was the leader of The Corps of Discovery?	Meriwether Lewis
96. What was the name for the type of flat-bottomed boat used on the expedition?	Keelboat
97. The Expedition spent the winter of 1804-1805 at the Mandan villages, located in which US state?	North Dakota
98. How many members of the Expedition died along the route?	One (Sgt. Charles Floyd)
99. Who was the only woman on the expedition?	Sacagawea
100. The Expedition took 2 years, 4 months, and 10 days, and covered how many miles? a)3,000 b)4,500 c)8,000 d)12,000	c) 8,000

Teacher's Toolbox: *Dynamic Definitions*

Students in the Social Studies, as in other content areas, must learn its terminology, its vocabulary. Often, student definitions for the vocabulary we hope to teach are reduced to a minimalist, non-descript form, shallow and uninteresting.

How can Social Studies teachers help students write definitions that are clear? One way to help students improve their writing and understanding of Social Studies terms is to use action words.

Do these definitions resemble your students' writing?

The Battle of the Bulge was a battle in WWII.

Feudalism is when serfs work for landowners.

Democracy is when the people vote.

Action words transform the clarity, accuracy, and interest-level of definitions.

The Battle of the Bulge *forced* [the German Army to retreat].

Feudalism *demande*d [allegiance to superiors and the King].

Democracy *support*s [the will of the people].

Action words also force further clarification of the term, shown in the bracketed portions of the above examples.

Here are some action root words to help your students write clear definitions:

advance	control	export	invade	rebel
affect	convert	follow	isolate	reign
attack	decline	force	modernize	retreat
believe	decree	govern	propose	rule
cause	develop	inspire	promote	support
campaign	dominate	increase	restrict	trade
conflict	expand	influence	reflect	turn
contribute	explore	integrate	result	veto

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Critical Thinking Questions

- What choice would you have made in the release of the bin Laden photos? What are the implications of such a decision?
- Would you agree with a transportation tax based on miles driven vs. the current tax per gallon? Who would monitor such a system?
- What is most challenging for you at the end of the school year? Why?

This Week in History

- The U.S. declared war on Mexico (1846).
- Lewis and Clark expedition set out from St. Louis (1804).
- Olympic Games held in the U.S. for the first time in St. Louis MO (1904).
- *Skylab*, the first U.S. space station launched (1973).
- Mother's Day became a public holiday (1914).

History Mystery: *A Change of Heart*

The 1920s are remembered as the Roaring Twenties: fast cars, speakeasies, and gangsters. Eddie was a lawyer who worked loopholes in the law to protect gangsters and other criminals. Eddie aka "Easy Eddie" made a fortune through his mob connections and illegal dog races, which he rigged in his favor. However, at some point, Eddie decided he wanted to go straight. Why? Who knows—maybe because he wanted something better or different for his young son, Butch. Eddie testified against his boss, gangster Al Capone, turning evidence that sent him to prison. Meanwhile, Eddie's son Butch entered the US Naval Academy.

During WWII, Butch served in the Navy as a fighter pilot aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Lexington*. On February 20, 1942, the *Lexington* came under attack by Japanese bombers. All went well for the Americans until a second wave of enemy planes was detected with only two US fighters still aloft, leaving the *USS Lexington* totally exposed and an easy target. Butch was piloting one of those planes. He quickly headed straight into the Japanese formation, and shot down five of the bombers and disabled a sixth. The Japanese squadron retreated; the *Lexington* was safe!

Two months later, Butch was personally awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Franklin Roosevelt. Sadly, in October, 1943, Butch O'Hare was lost in action over the Pacific. But his heroic actions were not forgotten. In 1949, what city named its airport after the son of a gangster and the Navy's first flying Ace?

Answer: Chicago's O'Hare International Airport

Quote of the Week

"A person, who never made a mistake, never tried anything new."

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Time to renew.

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