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## **A Series of tests about American History and Government**

- The MO Civics Initiative is a state law that requires students to demonstrate knowledge about American History and Government.
- The state of Missouri requires that all high school students pass a test of U.S. citizenship.
- There are 100 questions. These are the same questions that are on the U.S. citizenship test taken by immigrants who become citizens.

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- The test will be divided into five 20-question tests.
- First test - **due by Thursday October 22.**
- Due Dates:
  - MO Civics Test #1      Thursday, Oct.22
  - MO Civics Test #2      Thursday, Oct. 29
  - MO Civics Test #3      Thursday, Nov. 05
  - MO Civics Test #4      Thursday, Nov. 12
  - MO Civics Test #5      Thursday, Nov. 19

# #1. What is the supreme law of the land?

- The Constitution
- The U.S. Constitution is the Supreme law of the land.
- It is the highest law.
- The Constitution is the most important law.

## #2. What does the Constitution do?

- Sets up the government
- Defines the government
- Protects basic rights of Americans
- The Constitution is the law that organizes the government of the USA and it also protects our rights.

## #3. What are the first three words of the U.S. Constitution?

- **“We the people”**

- These words show the idea of self-government in the USA.
- From the preamble (introduction) to the Constitution.
- “We the people ... establish this constitution....”

## #4. What is an amendment?

- A change or addition to the Constitution.
- The Constitution can be amended, or changed.
- To amend = to change

## #5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

- The Bill of Rights
- The first ten amendments are the Bill of Rights.
- The Bill of Rights is a list of rights that are protected.



## #6. What rights or freedoms are listed in the first amendment?

- Speech
- Religion
- Assembly (People can assemble in groups.)
- Press (the news media)
- Petition the government (We can ask the government to make changes.)

## #7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?

- Twenty-seven (27)
- The Constitution was ratified in 1789. Since that time, we have only made 27 amendments.

# #8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?

Announced our independence from the England

#9. What are three rights in the Declaration of Independence?

Life

Liberty (freedom)

Pursuit of happiness (we can work to make ourselves happy)

## #10. What is freedom of religion?

- You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.

# #11. What is the economic system in the U.S.?

- Capitalist economy
- Market economy
  
- In the USA, businesses are owned by people, not by the government.

## #12. What is the “rule of law”?

- Everyone must follow the law.
  - Leaders must obey the law.
  - Government must obey the law.
  - No one is above the law.
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- We are ruled by laws. We are NOT ruled by a king.

# #13. Name the two longest rivers in the U.S.



- Mississippi River
- Missouri River



# #14. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?

- Pacific Ocean

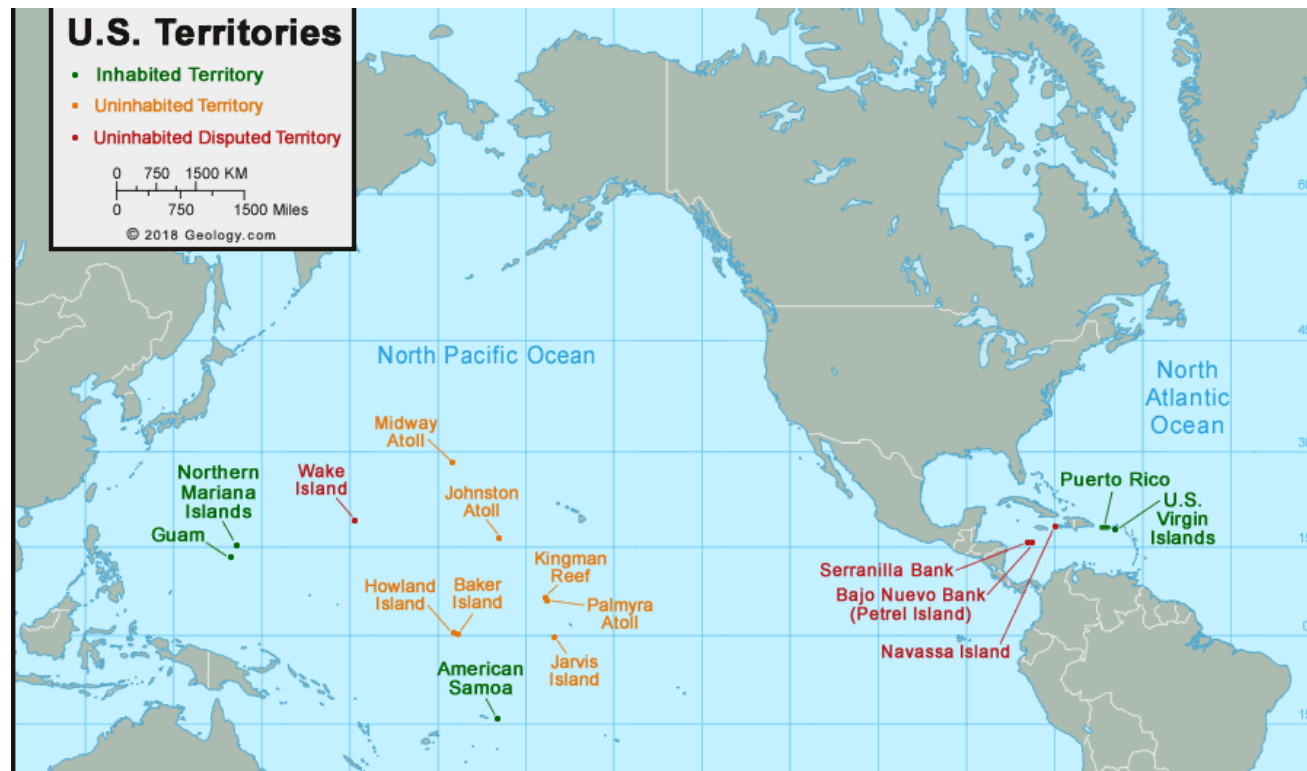


#15. What ocean is on the east coast of the United States?



- Atlantic Ocean

# #16. Name the U.S. territories.



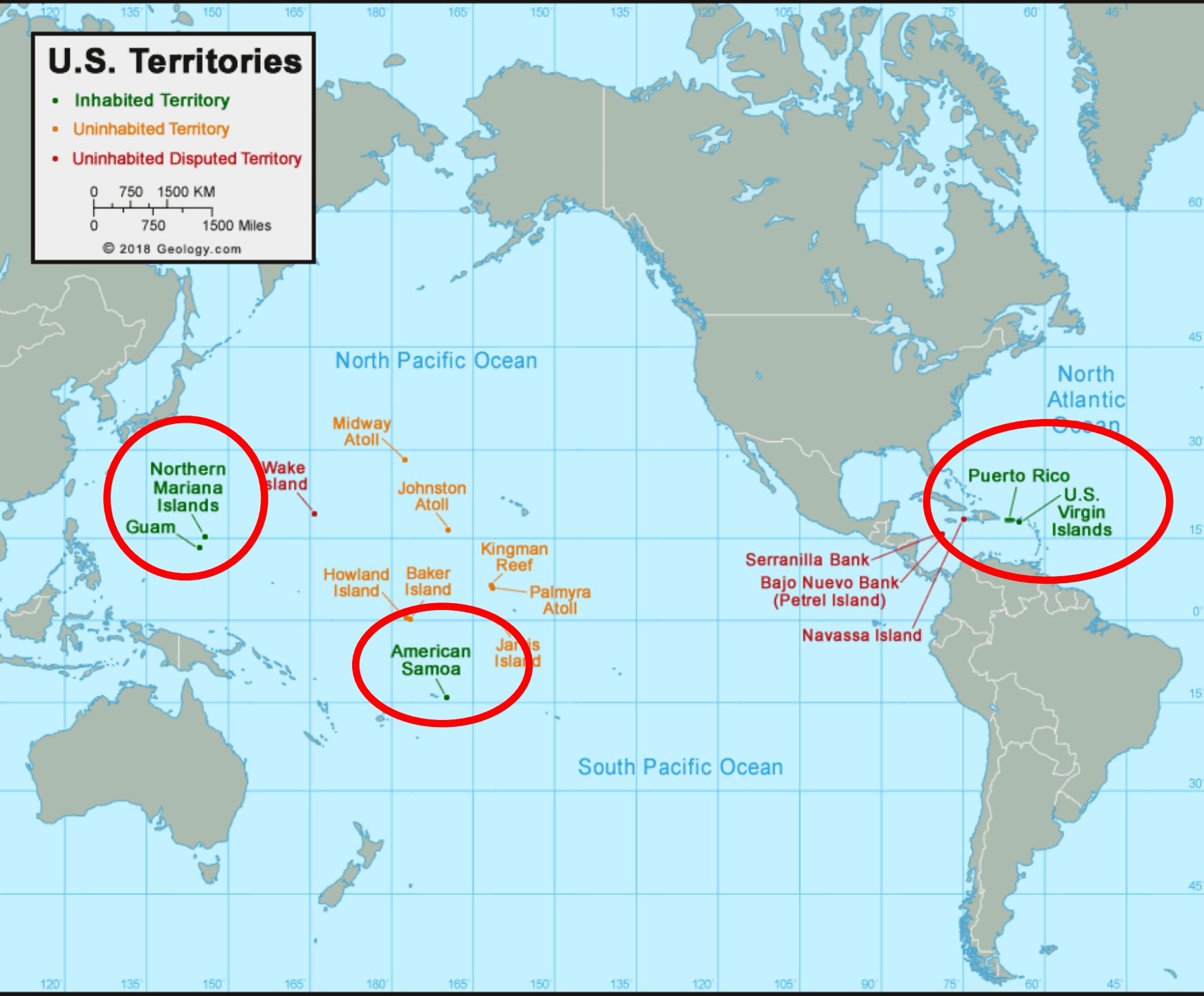
- Puerto Rico
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- American Samoa
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Guam

## U.S. Territories

- Inhabited Territory
- Uninhabited Territory
- Uninhabited Disputed Territory

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## #17. Name the states that border Canada

- Maine
- New Hampshire
- Vermont
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Ohio
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- North Dakota
- Montana
- Idaho
- Washington
- Alaska

# #18. Name the states that border Mexico.

- California
- Arizona
- New Mexico
- Texas



# #19. What is the capital of the USA?



• Washington, D.C.

## #20. Where is the Statue of Liberty?



- Liberty Island  
in New York Harbor