

ANSWER SHEET

1. From what nation did the United States gain its independence?
 - a. Great Britain
2. Identify the three branches of the United States government.
 - a. Legislative
 - b. Executive
 - c. Judicial
3. How many amendments have been made to the United States Constitution?
 - a. 27
4. Identify a cause of the American Civil War.
 - a. Disagreements about the extension of slavery
 - b. Economics
5. What is the purpose of the cabinet?
 - a. To advise the president and deal with various domestic and foreign issues
6. What two foreign countries border the United States?
 - a. Canada
 - b. Mexico
7. What is the purpose of the Bill of Rights?
 - a. To guarantee certain rights for both individuals and state governments
8. In what year and where was the first permanent English settlement in North America?
 - a. 1607
 - b. Jamestown, VA
9. Identify the decision reached in the Supreme Court case, *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*.
 - a. The *Brown* case determined that segregated schools were unconstitutional.
10. Who wrote the United States Constitution?
 - a. Mostly James Madison