Unit 4 Assessment

Name ___________________________________________ Date __________________

Multiple choice
Circle the correct answer.

1. Who invented the steamboat?
   a. Mark Twain
   b. John Fitch
   c. Daniel Grayson
   d. Zebulon Pike

2. How many cords of wood per day did the average steamboat use in the 1880s?
   a. 15-75 cords of wood a day (enough to build 15 houses)
   b. 5-10 cords of wood a day (enough to build 5 houses)
   c. 100-125 cords of wood a day (enough to build 20 houses)
   d. 130-150 cords of wood a day (enough to build 25 houses)

3. The first lock was built to deal with:
   a. floods
   b. sediment
   c. rapids
   d. fish

4. Besides being a writer, Mark Twain was also a:
   a. lock builder
   b. steamboat captain
   c. railroad engineer
   d. river guide

5. One 15-barge tow carrying dry goods on the river can replace:
   a. 2 trucks or 1 rail car
   b. 35 trucks or 8 rail cars
   c. 70 trucks or 16 rail cars
   d. 870 trucks or 225 rail cars
6. 9-foot channel:
   a. Minimum distance required between barges
   b. A subspecies of the channel catfish
   c. Depth of the river needed for barges to navigate the river
   d. Length of a channel boat

7. Which of these industries utilize the Mississippi River?
   a. Agriculture
   b. Transportation
   c. Tourism
   d. All of the above

8. What percentage of grain exported in the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River?
   a. 20%
   b. 40%
   c. 60%
   d. 80%

9. Approximately how many tons of goods were shipped via the Mississippi River in 2005?
   a. 100 million tons
   b. 500 million tons
   c. 750 million tons
   d. 250 million tons

10. There are 14 locks on the Mississippi River.
    a. True
    b. False