



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