Game Questions with Answers

1. What does the Constitution do? (Name 3 things)
* It grants specific, limited powers to the federal government so that one person does not have too much authority or control.
* It says how the government works and created the Presidency, Congress, and Supreme Court.
* The Constitution separates the powers of the government into three branches: Judicial, Legislative, and Executive.
1. What are the three branches of the United States government?
* Judicial, Legislative and Executive
1. Who/what heads the Judicial Branch?
* The Supreme Court
1. Who/what heads the Legislative Branch? (List what makes up this group)
* Congress made up of the House of Representatives and the Senate
1. Who/what heads the Executive Branch? Who helps?
* The President, the Vice President
1. What is the “Checks and Balances” system?
* A branch may use its powers to check the powers of the other two in order to keep a balance of power among the three branches of government.
1. List 3 things the Legislative Branch can do to check the Executive Branch
* Creating agencies and programs, control taxes, approve or turn down treaties and appointments that the President wants, say yes to things the President said no to, and even remove the President.
1. What can the Executive Branch do to check the Judicial Branch?
* The President has the power to appoint federal judges.
1. What kind of economy does the United States have?
* Market Economy
1. What is supply and demand?
* Supply and demand explores the balances of what people and companies make and what people want and need.
1. During the Civil War, the northern states were also known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the southern states were also known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Union, Confederacy
1. What caused the Civil War and why?
* The war was started by the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860.  Lincoln wanted to end slavery and keep the Union (the federal government of the United States) together.
1. What caused conflict between the Union and the Confederacy around the time of the Civil War?
* The conflict between the North (Union) and the South (Confederacy) started because of their different ways of living.
1. What were the economies of the North and South based on around the time of the Civil War?
* Economy in the South was based on agriculture and growing cotton. The North was industrialized and based on factories and manufacturing.
1. What is Slavery and what are slaves forced to do?
* Slavery is where people are not treated like human beings, they are treated as property. They are sold and bought, like the things we buy from a store. After the people are bought, they are forced to do work.
1. What plants did slaves help grow and harvest? (Name four)
* Tobacco, cotton, sugar and coffee
1. What is the intermediate direction between the north and east cardinal directions?
* North east
1. How are intermediate directions different from cardinal directions?
* Intermediate directions are based on cardinal directions, but combine to create 4 new directions.
1. How can directions help geographers discuss points on Earth's surface?
* They provide a way to describe one location in terms of another.
1. Which degree of latitude is the equator located on?
* Zero
1. Which object in the sky can be used to determine your location?
* The sun
1. In which two hemispheres do you live?
* North and west
1. Why does every place on Earth have a unique location on the global grid?
* Each place sits at a unique number of degrees away from the equator and prime meridian.
1. How many locations do you need to describe absolute location versus relative location?
* Absolute-1, Relative-2
1. If you want to figure out directions to the nearest airport, would absolute or relative location be most useful?
* Relative- comparing 2 locations
1. What is the relative direction of Venezuela from Argentina? Hint: Both countries are located in South America.
* North
1. Which continent is Egypt located on?
* Africa
1. Which country borders Afghanistan on the west?
* Iran
1. Using intermediate directions, which direction is the Italy from Germany?
* South
1. Which continent(s) are completely in the southern hemisphere?
* Antarctica, Australia
1. Which is the largest country in South America?
* Brazil