

Answer Key

The Magic Gourd

1. reign
2. grieve
3. siege
4. relieve
5. yield
6. sleigh
7. freight
8. wield

Time for Kids

9. thaw
10. vault
11. snoozed
12. blouse
13. browse
14. employ
15. scrawl
16. rookie
17. corduroy
18. slouch

Reading

19. B
20. A
21. B
22. B
23. C
24. A
25. A
26. D
27. C
28. A
29. B
30. D

Reading

31. D
32. B
33. A
34. D
35. C
36. B
37. A
38. C

39. A

40. D

41. B

42. B

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43. B

44. D

45. A

46. C

47. C

48. “Second sons” were those who, due to British law, did not inherit the bulk of the estate. Seeking livelihood elsewhere, some entered the ministry, while others, like Sir Walter Raleigh, came to Virginia to raise tobacco.

49. Despite the area’s arability, clearing the land required time and manpower. Many planters staked claims to large acres but did not plan to do manual labor themselves. Various workforces, including convicts, indentured servants, and African natives, were eventually brought in.

50. Settlers in the North sought freedom to practice religion and formed small communities based on shared beliefs, aspiring to create a theocracy. In contrast, settlers in the South, like planters, were motivated by economic pursuits such as raising tobacco.

51. Settlers in the New England area sought religious freedom, shared beliefs, and worked together to create communities. They established a theocracy, and their settlements thrived due to collaboration and a sense of community.

52. The passage suggests that the foundational differences, rooted in economic pursuits and religious freedom, laid the groundwork for cultural, economic, and social distinctions between the North and the South. These

distinctions eventually played a role in the American Civil War, also known as the War Between the States, nearly 200 years later.

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- 53. C
- 54. D
- 55. B
- 56. B
- 57. B
- 58. Soil depletion occurs when nutrients are removed from the soil during crop harvesting, leading to decreased fertility. It can result in soil no longer supporting usable crops.
- 59. In Japan, where 85% of the land is mountainous, the conflict arises as most of the population, including farmers, resides in the limited 15% of flat land suitable for farming.
- 60. Good farming practices include allowing fields to rest, returning a crop to the soil, or changing the type of crop grown on a field from year to year.
- 61. Salinization occurs when minerals, such as salt, are left on the soil surface due to the evaporation of irrigated water in desert areas. The increased mineral content makes the soil unsuitable for crop growth.
- 62. These issues can lead to decreased agricultural productivity, increased pressure on arable land, and challenges in sustaining food production, potentially affecting global food security.