

1. The political, economic, and military postures of the United States have tended to be _____.

The Birth of a Nation on the East Shore

2. Why were commerce and troop movements to repel invasion difficult?
3. Where the heartland of the early US and what was it vulnerable to?
4. What rivers lie west of the Appalachians?
5. What is the most extraordinary thing about this river complex?
6. What modern states were formed from the old Northwest Territory?
7. Why could the US not fully exploit the Mississippi River system?
8. Why is New Orleans strategically important?

Louisiana for \$3 million

9. What two things did westward expansion achieve?
10. How did the US acquire New Orleans?
11. Who was obsessed with New Orleans?

The Mexican-American War

12. What did the desire to defend New Orleans trigger?
13. What three things did the Mexican-American War achieve?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
14. What new fears arose after the Mexican-American War?

Fear of the British Naval Power

15. What was the only significant anchorage in the Pacific that could threaten the mainland?

16. Where the first offensive US base in the Eastern Hemisphere?

17. What did the seizure of Cuba make certain?

Taking Over the Atlantic

18. What was the US preparing for as late as 1920?

19. What was the price Britain paid to get US naval destroyers during World War II?

20. What is the best way to defeat an enemy fleet?

The Containment Strategy

21. What would Germany be free to do if it had conquered Europe during World War I or World War II?

22. What is the single most important element of American strategy/

23. During the Cold War, the US developed a strategy of _____. The _____ would be surrounded on as many fronts as possible by American allies.

24. What was the collapse of the Soviet Union in part due to?

The Twenty-First Century Fears

25. What is the American strategy since the end of the Cold War?

26. What is the threat today?

27. How is today's threat different from those addressed by its historical strategy?