



Social Studies sample questions

What prevented Texas from becoming a state immediately after winning its independence from Mexico?

- A. Texas had amassed huge war debts.
- B. The balance of slave and free states would have been upset.
- C. Mexico threatened to retake southern California and Arizona.
- D. Most Texans were actually of Mexican descent.

Which economic/political system is in theory characterized by a classless society, government control of wages and prices, and national resources owned collectively by the people?

- A. anarchism
- B. fascism
- C. capitalism
- D. communism

Which event was partly caused by the sinking of the Lusitania?

- A. The Germans began using mustard gas in World War I.
- B. The United States ratified the Treaty of Versailles.
- C. The United States entered World War I.
- D. World War I ended.

Use the information below to answer the next two questions.

A group of political science students considered protesting recent tuition hikes at their college. In order to find out what kind of support they could expect, they conducted a survey of the student body. They asked 120 of the total 3,000 students at the college these questions:

1. Do you oppose recent tuition hikes? Yes <u>70%</u> No <u>30%</u> If Yes, answer questions 2 and 3.
2. Would you sign a petition in protest? Yes <u>50%</u> No <u>50%</u>
3. Would you participate in a strike? Yes <u>20%</u> No <u>80%</u>

Which conclusion is best supported by the results of the student survey?

- A. Of the students surveyed, 70% would both sign a petition and strike.
- B. Of the students surveyed, 20% would participate in a strike.
- C. Half of the students who oppose the tuition hike would sign a petition.
- D. A majority of the students at the college oppose the tuition hikes.

How could the students have improved the survey?

- A. Request student signatures for the petition on the spot.
- B. Include more students in the sample surveyed.
- C. Have the survey designed by students from a variety of majors.
- D. Determine more information about the students: age, sex, and major field of study.