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1. What was the purpose of the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

- A. to establish and protect people's rights
 - B. to make peace with the Native Americans and other native peoples
 - C. to make the United States of America the richest country in the world
 - D. to check and balance the powers of the three branches of government
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2. Which region of the United States does NOT have any coastal plains?

- A. Northeast
 - B. Midwest
 - C. Southeast
 - D. Northwest
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3. The members of Congress are considering passing a law lowering the speed limit on highways. You do not think this is a good law. As a citizen, what would be the most effective action you could take?

- A. Write to your mayor and tell him/her your views.
 - B. Contact the head of the highway department and tell him/her your views.
 - C. Write to your city council and tell them your views.
 - D. Contact your members of Congress and tell them your views.
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4. The school has rules about students leaving before the end of the school day. Which of the following is an example of a student following rules?

- A. Terry leaves the school early and simply walks out the door.
 - B. Terry tells a friend that she is leaving the school early that day.
 - C. Terry has a doctor's appointment and signs out in the office.
 - D. Terry writes a note saying she is leaving early and gives it to a friend.
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5. The President of the United States vetoes a bill from Congress. This example of checks and balances shows the

- A. judicial branch checking the legislative branch.
 - B. executive branch checking the legislative branch.
 - C. judicial branch checking the executive branch.
 - D. legislative branch checking the judicial branch.
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6. The physical environment affected the lives of Native Americans. Which one of the following statements best describes the life of the Native Americans of the Pacific Northwest?

- A. They hunted buffalo and deer on the plains.
- B. They herded cattle and goats.
- C. They fished along the coast, rivers, and lakes.
- D. They grew corn and squash in the fields.

7. What was the boundary for westward expansion in 1763?

- A. a desert
 - B. a plateau
 - C. mountains
 - D. coastal plains
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8. What name is given to the official song selected by a government to represent its country?

- A. chorus
 - B. fight song
 - C. patriotic hymn
 - D. national anthem
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9. Which right is listed in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights?

- A. the right to vote
 - B. the right of assembly
 - C. the right to free housing
 - D. the right to a trial by a jury
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10. Which of the following regions does the Mississippi River pass through?

- A. Southeast
- B. Northeast
- C. Southwest
- D. Northwest

Answer Key

1. A) to establish and protect people's rights
2. B) Midwest
3. D) Contact your members of Congress and tell them your views.
4. C) Terry has a doctor's appointment and signs out in the office.
5. B) executive branch checking the legislative branch.
6. C) They fished along the coast, rivers, and lakes.
7. C) mountains
8. D) national anthem
9. B) the right of assembly
10. A) Southeast