

1. Which of the following institutions in the United States can most effectively improve the standard of living and reduce the crime rate in a community?

1. Schools
2. Prisons
3. Hospitals
4. Businesses

2. Which of the following best describes why most of the Spanish expeditions in Texas during the 1690s took place in eastern Texas?

1. The Spanish were attempting to prevent any further settlement of eastern Texas by the French.
2. Spanish Roman Catholic missionaries sought to convert the American Indian tribes in Louisiana.
3. The Spanish built presidios along the newly discovered Mississippi River to maintain ownership of the waterway.
4. Spanish colonists settled as closely as possible to French colonial settlements to facilitate trade.

3. Which of the following is an accurate statement about the demographics of Texas since the year 2000?

1. The percentage of the population of Texas that is Hispanic is more than twice the national percentage.
2. The average age of the Texan population is much greater than the average age of the national population.
3. The rural population is growing more rapidly than the urban population in Texas.
4. American Indians are the fastest growing ethnic or racial group in Texas.

4. Which of the following shared values in U.S. society is embodied by the motto on the Seal of the United States, E Pluribus Unum, which means "out of the many, one"?

1. Liberty for all
2. Freedom of speech
3. Diversity within unity
4. Importance of individuality