Missouri Sample Questions American History

1. This chart shows details about the Angel Island and Ellis Island immigration stations.

	Angel Island	Ellis Island
Location	San Francisco Bay	New York Harbor
Immigrants Processed	150,000	19 million
Number Rejected	50,000	1.2 million
Percentage Rejected	33%	6%
Average Length of Stay	2-3 weeks	1 day

Based on this chart, what conclusion can be drawn about immigration?

- **A** The length of time immigrants were detained shows that security measures took precedence over safety at both stations.
- **B** Racial discrimination played a role in how immigrants were treated at Angel Island.
- **C** Immigrants were treated more fairly at Angel Island because they were thought to be the best suited for citizenship.
- **D** Both stations made it a priority to process all immigrants efficiently and expediently.

2. This is an excerpt from a statement President Herbert Hoover made to the press on October 4, 1930.

No special session [of Congress] is necessary to deal with employment. The sense of voluntary organization and community service in the American people has not vanished. The spirit of voluntary service has been strong enough to cope with the problem for the past year and it will, I am confident, continue in full measure of the need. Colonel Woods* is receiving most gratifying evidence of this from the governors, mayors, industrial leaders, and welfare organizations throughout the country.

Based on this excerpt, what was President Hoover's initial response to the Great Depression?

- **A** He felt that local governments should meet the needs of the jobless by funding public works projects.
- **B** He believed that the federal government should match subsidies provided to the jobless by state governments.
- **C** He felt the media was creating panic and uncertainty by exaggerating the total number of the jobless.
- **D** He believed volunteer organizations and charities were responsible for meeting the economic needs of the jobless.

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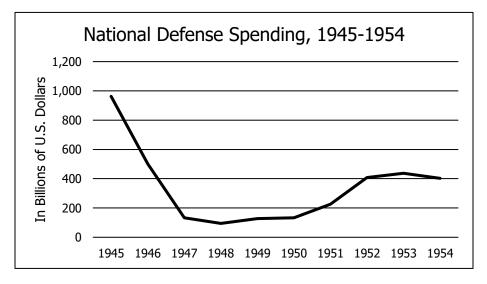
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3. What were the *main* reasons the United States abandoned its policy of neutrality and entered World War I on the side of the Allies?

Select *three* that apply.

- **A** Germany continued to use unrestricted submarine warfare.
- **B** An earlier alliance required the United States to protect Serbia.
- **C** Great Britain pledged to stop trade if the United States did not join.
- **D** The United States wanted to protect democracy around the world.
- **E** Germany tried to bring Mexico into the war.

4. This chart shows the amount of money the United States spent on defense from 1945 to 1954.



What caused the trend that took place from 1950 to 1954?

- **A** The United States started a space race with the Soviet Union and created the world's first artificial satellite.
- **B** The United States fought a proxy war against the Soviet Union to prevent communism from spreading into South Korea.
- **C** The United States created a domestic defense system to protect the nation from internal communist threats.
- **D** The United States focused on the development of tools to protect people during a nuclear attack.