Presidents’ Day Quiz 2011 Part C: The 1800s

1. Our nation’s capital and a state are named in his honor. Who was the first President?* (70, 94)
   a) Adams  
   b) Franklin  
   c) Jefferson  
   d) Washington

2. President Thomas Jefferson greatly expanded the size of the United States. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803? (71)
   a) Florida  
   b) Louisiana  
   c) Oregon  
   d) Texas

3. The United States fought four major wars during the 1800s. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s. (72, 4 are correct)
   a) Civil War  
   b) Korean War  
   c) Mexican-American War  
   d) (Persian) Gulf War
   e) Revolutionary War  
   f) Spanish-American War  
   g) Vietnam War  
   i) World War I  
   j) World War II

4. President James Madison led the US during the War of 1812. Francis Scott Key wrote a song about American flag still flying after a battle between the British and Americans. This song became the national anthem. What is the name of the national anthem? (72, 98)
   a) The Star-Spangled Banner  
   b) America, the Beautiful  
   c) This Land Is Your Land  
   d) God Bless, America

5. After the Mexican-American War (1846-48), President James Polk got land from Mexico. Name one state that borders Mexico. (72, 93)
   a) California  
   b) Florida  
   c) Maine  
   d) Washington

6. In 1861, eleven southern states left the Union to form the Confederacy. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South. (72, 73)
   a) Civil War  
   b) Korean War  
   c) World War I  
   d) War of 1812

7. The North and South disagreed on many issues. Name one problem that led to the Civil War. (74)
   a) Alcoholism  
   b) Child labor  
   c) High taxes  
   d) Slavery

8. Lincoln was President from 1861 to 1865. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?* (75)
   a) Fought for women’s rights  
   b) Freed the slaves  
   c) Made the sale of alcohol illegal  
   d) Supported labor unions

9. From 1620-1808, Africans were taken to America and sold as slaves. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do? (76)
   a) Freed the servants  
   b) Freed the slaves  
   c) Freed the women  
   d) Freed the workers

10. After the Spanish-American War (1898), President William McKinley got land from Spain. Name one (current) U.S. territory (72, 91).
    a) Alaska  
    b) Guam  
    c) Hawaii  
    d) Cuba

Extra Credit: Name two national U.S. holidays. (100)
   a) ___________________________________  
   b) ___________________________________