



What Was the Dawes Act? - Quiz

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Q1. What was the main purpose of the Dawes Act?

- A. To encourage Native Americans to farm small plots of land
- B. To grant Native Americans full citizenship immediately
- C. To return all tribal lands to Native American control
- D. To establish new reservations for nomadic tribes

Q2. Which tribes were known as 'the five civilized tribes'?

- A. Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek/Muscogee, and Seminole
- B. Apache, Navajo, Sioux, Cheyenne, and Comanche
- C. Iroquois, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, and Cayuga
- D. Pueblo, Hopi, Zuni, Acoma, and Laguna

Q3. How much land was typically allocated to heads of households under the Dawes Act?

- A. 160 acres
- B. 80 acres
- C. 320 acres
- D. 40 acres

Q4. What was a major issue with the land allocated to Native Americans under the Dawes Act?

- A. The land was often barren and unsuitable for farming
- B. The land was too far from water sources
- C. The land was already occupied by settlers
- D. The land was contaminated with pollutants

Q5. What was the purpose of the surplus amendment to the Dawes Act?

- A. To sell any surplus land to the public
- B. To return surplus land to the tribes
- C. To use surplus land for government buildings
- D. To donate surplus land to charitable organizations

Q6. What was the Homestead Act similar to in relation to the Dawes Act?

- A. It allotted land to settlers who acted as pioneers
- B. It granted citizenship to Native Americans
- C. It provided farming equipment to settlers
- D. It established new reservations

Q7. What was a major cultural issue for Native Americans under the Dawes Act?

- A. Intensive agricultural living was culturally unacceptable
- B. They were forced to adopt European clothing
- C. They were prohibited from practicing their religion
- D. They were required to speak only English

Q8. What did the Burke Act of 1906 authorize?

- A. The Secretary of the Interior to decide if a Native person was 'competent' to manage their lands
- B. The immediate sale of all Native American lands
- C. The return of all lands to tribal control
- D. The establishment of new boarding schools

Q9. What was the result of the 1908 Amendment to the Dawes Act?

- A. An additional 27 million acres of Native lands were lost
- B. Native Americans were granted full citizenship
- C. The Dawes Act was repealed
- D. All surplus land was returned to tribes

Q10. What act officially ended the allotment of Native lands?

- A. The Wheeler-Howard Act
- B. The Burke Act
- C. The Homestead Act
- D. The Merriam Report

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: A
3. Q3: A
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: A
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: A
10. Q10: A