



What Was the Homestead Act? - Quiz

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Q1. Who signed the Homestead Act into law?

- A. George Washington
- B. Abraham Lincoln
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. Andrew Jackson

Q2. What was the minimum size requirement for a homestead under the Homestead Act?

- A. 10-by-12 feet
- B. 12-by-14 feet
- C. 14-by-16 feet
- D. 16-by-18 feet

Q3. Which group was excluded from claiming land under the Homestead Act?

- A. Single women
- B. Immigrants
- C. Former slaves
- D. Those who took up arms against the U.S. government

Q4. How many acres of land were granted under the Homestead Act in total?

- A. 160 million acres
- B. 260 million acres
- C. 360 million acres
- D. 460 million acres

Q5. Which state saw the final parcel of land claimed under the Homestead Act?

- A. Texas
- B. California
- C. Alaska
- D. Montana

Q6. What was a common fraudulent practice under the Homestead Act?

- A. Building homesteads in inches instead of feet
- B. Claiming land without cultivating it
- C. Selling land to foreign investors
- D. Falsifying military service records

Q7. What percentage of claimed plots were abandoned by settlers?

- A. 30%
- B. 40%
- C. 50%
- D. 60%

Q8. Which industry replaced mining as Montana's foremost industry due to the Homestead Act?

- A. Cattle ranching
- B. Wheat farming
- C. Timber logging
- D. Oil drilling

Q9. Which political party campaigned for a homestead law in the mid-1800s?

- A. Democratic Party
- B. Republican Party
- C. Free Soil Party
- D. Whig Party

Q10. What was the slogan of the Free Soil Party?

- A. Land and Liberty
- B. Free Soil, Free Speech, Free Labor, Free Men
- C. Equality for All
- D. Justice and Freedom

Answer Key

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