



Who Created the Cotton Gin? - Quiz

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Q1. What does the word 'gin' in 'cotton gin' stand for?

- A. Gear
- B. Engine
- C. Generator
- D. Ginny

Q2. Who is credited with inventing the cotton gin in 1793?

- A. Henry Ogden Holmes
- B. Joseph Eve
- C. Eli Whitney Jr.
- D. Catherine Greene

Q3. Where did the earliest cotton gin designs originate?

- A. China
- B. United States
- C. India
- D. Egypt

Q4. What was a major problem with early cotton gins in the United States?

- A. They were too expensive
- B. They couldn't process short-staple cotton
- C. They required electricity
- D. They were too large

Q5. How much lint could Eli Whitney's cotton gin clean in a day?

- A. 10 pounds
- B. 25 pounds
- C. 50 pounds
- D. 100 pounds

Q6. What was the 'King Cotton' doctrine?

- A. A belief that cotton could end slavery
- B. A strategy to grow more cotton in the North
- C. A belief that cotton would force the UK to support the Confederacy
- D. A plan to diversify Southern agriculture

Q7. What impact did the cotton gin have on slavery in the United States?

- A. It reduced the need for slaves
- B. It had no effect on slavery
- C. It incentivized and prolonged slavery
- D. It led to the immediate abolition of slavery

Q8. When was Eli Whitney's cotton gin patent validated?

- A. 1794
- B. 1807
- C. 1810
- D. 1820

Q9. What was a key component of Eli Whitney's cotton gin design?

- A. A steam engine
- B. A wooden drum with hooks
- C. A water wheel
- D. A metal press

Q10. How did cotton exports from the United States change after the invention of the cotton gin?

- A. They decreased significantly
- B. They remained the same
- C. They increased from half a million to 93 million pounds
- D. They fluctuated unpredictably

Answer Key

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