



1775-1865: Defending the New Republic

Gallery Worksheet

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ANSWER KEY

A Maritime Nation

1. What role did a marine have on a naval vessel? (seaborne light infantry)
2. How did Marines get the nickname “leatherneck?” (They wore leather collars on their uniforms)
3. Look at the gallery of paintings. How would you describe the work of the Marines during this time? (Answers will vary)(Paintings show Marines on land and on sea engaging in close combat. Weapons range from handguns to cannon. The seaborne light infantry were expert fighters, trained for a variety of missions.)
4. What motto was adopted by the Marines in 1883? (*Semper Fidelis*)
5. From 1800 to 1805 seas were not safe. What dangers did American Ships face? American ships were attacked and boarded, commerce was interrupted, and Americans taken hostage.

Educators note: you may want to point out that it was President Jefferson who sent the Marines to battle the Barbary pirates. Students may find it interesting to note the international activities of the US defending their status as a nation.

Global Expeditions

6. Find the map that illustrates exploring expeditions of Lieutenant Wilkes and Commodore Perry. What area of the world was being explored by Wilkes and Perry? Pacific Ocean and surrounding nations in Asia, Antarctica and Polynesia
7. What is the point *farthest south* on Wilkes’ expeditions? (Antarctica)
8. List three other points explored by Lieutenant Wilkes (Answers may include any of the following: New Zealand, Tonga, Australia, Tahiti, Samoa, Hawaii, and Manila)
9. Commodore Perry explored and “opened” trade in China.

The Civil War

10. The award for “valorous behavior” in battle created during the Civil War was (the Medal of Honor)
11. Two civil war battles that accounted for most Marines recognized with that honor are (Mobile Bay and Fort Fisher)
12. What improvement was made to ships fighting the Civil War? (ironclad ships were made of metal)
13. What can you observe about weapon technology during the Civil War? (technology improves rapidly during a time of war)

Amphibious Assault

14. Read about the battle at Ft Fisher. What did Marines have to do during this battle? Amphibious assault, high casualties, they were victorious
15. Using this image as a guide, look up to find a quote from Sgt. Richard Binder after the battle of Ft Fisher. You are about to interview Sgt. Binder, what question do you want to ask? (Answers will vary)
16. How do you think Sgt. Binder would describe the role of Marines in the Civil War? (Answers will vary-discuss the role of Marines at Ft Fisher and the larger conflict. Fisher might express pride at the contributions made by Marines citing their amphibious fighting force, hand to hand combat, etc)
17. Stand in front of the portrait of Lincoln at Gettysburg; listen to the recording. How did Lincoln’s words impact the nation? (Northern sentiment was focused on reuniting the union.)