



# Current Events In Review

Test your knowledge of the Nation stories covered in the *Current Events Update* by answering the following multiple-choice questions.

\_\_\_ 1. Approximately how much money did Americans spend on Y2K preparations?  
 a. \$25 billion                      c. \$75 billion  
 b. \$50 billion                      d. \$100 billion

\_\_\_ 2. Which of the following was not one of Franklin Roosevelt's Four Freedoms?  
 a. freedom of assembly          c. freedom of speech  
 b. freedom from want          d. freedom from fear

\_\_\_ 3. As George W. Bush and John McCain entered the primary season, which of the following summed up their standing in the polls?  
 a. The two were virtually even.  
 b. McCain was ahead by 20 points.  
 c. Bush was ahead by more than 30 points.  
 d. McCain was trailing by 10 points.

\_\_\_ 4. The most dramatic policy difference between Bill Bradley and Al Gore concerns:  
 a. education                      c. health care  
 b. race relations                  d. Social Security

\_\_\_ 5. Which of the following does not bear the imprint of Albert Einstein?  
 a. the Big Bang theory          c. the atomic bomb  
 b. the polio vaccine              d. electronics

\_\_\_ 6. Jeff Bezos, TIME's Person of the Year for 1999, is the founder of what company?  
 a. Microsoft                      c. Yahoo.com  
 b. AOL                              d. Amazon.com

\_\_\_ 7. The largest merger in American corporate history involves America Online's proposed acquisition of:  
 a. Warner-Lambert  
 b. Time Warner  
 c. Procter & Gamble  
 d. Cisco Systems

\_\_\_ 8. According to Bill Clinton, which of the following is F.D.R.'s most lasting domestic legacy?  
 a. Social Security legislation  
 b. The Works Progress Administration  
 c. bank reform  
 d. The Civilian Conservation Corps

\_\_\_ 9. Violence erupted in Seattle during the Fall 1999 meeting of which organization?  
 a. the World Health Organization (WHO)  
 b. the World Wrestling Federation (WWF)  
 c. the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)  
 d. the World Trade Organization (WTO)

\_\_\_ 10. The nation's most populous city, both in 1900 and today, is:  
 a. Chicago                      c. New York  
 b. Los Angeles                  d. Dallas

Match each of the locations below with the description at right. Write the letter of the correct country in the space provided. (Note: Not all answers will be used.)

- A. China
- B. Cuba
- C. East Timor
- D. India
- E. Iran
- F. Israel
- G. Japan
- H. Myanmar
- I. Nigeria
- J. Panama
- K. Russia
- L. South Africa

- \_\_\_ 11. An accident at a nuclear power plant here led to accusations of government negligence.
- \_\_\_ 12. The Dec. 31 resignation of this nation's leader came as a dramatic surprise.
- \_\_\_ 13. At present, this is the world's most populous country.
- \_\_\_ 14. A land-for-peace deal involving this country could cost the U.S. \$17 billion over 10 years.
- \_\_\_ 15. A vote for independence here sparked widespread violence.
- \_\_\_ 16. A six-year-old native of this country set off an international custody battle.
- \_\_\_ 17. The handover of a canal here has fired separation anxiety among conservatives in the U.S.
- \_\_\_ 18. Mohandas Gandhi's first campaign against racism took place here.
- \_\_\_ 19. Country that is expected to be the world's most populous in 2050.
- \_\_\_ 20. WTO protesters urged a boycott of companies that do business with this country, one of Asia's most brutal dictatorships.