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- Multiple Jewish sects wielded political power during the time of Jesus. Which sect was known for its scrupulous adherence to Jewish Law, of whom Nicodemus was one?
 - Sadducees
 - Zealots
 - Pharisee**
 - Hypocrites
- Many who practice Hinduism believe that the longest river in India is a gateway to Pitrolka, the World of the Ancestors. What is this 1,569 mile-long river where many people place the ashes of their dead?
 - Ganges**
 - Sarda
 - Euphrates
 - Betwa
- Built on the edge of the Mississippi River this city has experienced flooding issues on numerous occasions in recent years. Hurricane Betsy showed the cities vulnerability during the 1960's and Hurricane Katrina left over a 1000 dead. What is this city?
 - Biloxi
 - New Orleans**
 - St. Louis
 - Baton Rouge
- The angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah at the altar of incense. In what part of the Temple, reserved on for priests is the altar of incense located?
 - The Holy Place**
 - The Court of Sacrifices
 - The Holy of Holies
 - The Inner Court
- The land on which an important Iraqi city sets has become low-lying and flat due to large periodic floods. What is the name of this city, Iraq's capital that is bisected by the River Tigris?
 - Baghdad
 - Mosul
 - Tehran**
 - Basra
- In 1957, Central High in this state's capital city was integrated when federal troops were sent in to assist after the governor of this state had used this State's National Guard to prevent integration. This state is now headquarters to the largest chain store retailer in the country?
 - Alabama
 - Texas
 - North Carolina
 - Arkansas**

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7. Known as the Berkshires, Litchfield and Sutttons Hills in other locations in what state is the key Northeast range the Green Mountains located?
 - a. **Vermont**
 - b. New York
 - c. Maine
 - d. New Hampshire
8. The island nation of Japan is separated from mainland Asia by the Sea of Japan and a strait named for another Asian country. What is the name of this strait that connects the Sea of Japan to the East China Sea?
 - a. Vietnam Strait
 - b. **Korea Strait**
 - c. Thailand Strait
 - d. Mongolia Strait
9. The demigod king Gilgamesh supposedly ruled over a large, ancient city that sat on the banks of the Euphrates River. What was this city that outlasted Sumer and became a part of the Babylonian Empire?
 - a. Joppa
 - b. Miletus
 - c. Carthage
 - d. **Uruk**
10. Paul traveled a famous road on his way to the prison in Rome, and many Christians traveled to meet him on this road. What was this road that ran from the port of Brindisi to Rome?
 - a. Silk Road
 - b. **Appian Way**
 - c. Via de la Plata
 - d. Akeman Street
11. The tallest mountain in Japan is an active volcano, which last erupted in the 18th century. What is this mountain located on Honshu Island just 59 miles east of Tokyo?
 - a. Mt. Akagi
 - b. Mt. Makalu
 - c. Mt. Apo
 - d. **Mt. Fuji**
12. Residents of this area refer to themselves as "Cajuns." They are descendants of the Acadians of Canada and often speak French?
 - a. Northern Maine
 - b. Niagara Basin
 - c. **Louisiana Bayou**
 - d. Mackinac Island
13. This states name is probably of Native American origin and means "little spring". Some however believe it is of Basque origin and means "The Good Oak Tree."
 - a. Colorado
 - b. **Arizona**
 - c. Utah
 - d. Nevada

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14. The island of Borneo includes multiple sovereign states, but only one has its borders completely on the island. What is this country with capital at Bandar Seri Begawan?
- a. Malaysia
 - b. Thailand
 - c. Papua New Guinea
 - d. **Brunei**
15. The first king of Israel did not come from the tribe of Judah. Which of the twelve tribes was Saul a member of?
- a. Simeon
 - b. Manasseh
 - c. Reuben
 - d. **Benjamin**