

Noah Webster Test

- Noah Webster was born in _____.
 - Maryland
 - Rhode Island
 - Connecticut
 - California
- He lived during the time of _____.
 - Theodore Roosevelt
 - George Washington
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - Herbert Hoover
- He dropped out of law school because _____.
 - he ran out of money
 - the work was too hard
 - he decided on another career
 - his family needed his help
- He took a job _____.
 - teaching school
 - working in the field
 - drilling oil wells
 - working in the patent office
- Because he had so many responsibilities in his job he _____.
 - complained all the time
 - asked for a helper
 - worked cheerfully to set a good example
 - quit the job and looked for another one
- To inspire those under his care Noah _____.
 - flogged them
 - rewarded them
 - read the Bible to them
 - cursed at them
- He learned about the law by reading _____.
 - the judge's books
 - books at the library
 - books borrowed from neighbors
 - the school books
- Webster decided to write a spelling book and a _____ book.
 - math
 - reading
 - grammar
 - Latin
- His most popular book was called _____.
 - History of America
 - Reading in Three Easy Lessons
 - Latin for Children
 - the Blue-backed Speller
- More than _____ copies of his famous book were sold.
 - 500
 - 5,000
 - 5 million
 - 100 million

11. He went by _____ from town to town to sell his books.

- A. car and train
- B. horseback and stage coach
- C. horseback and train
- D. covered wagon and horseback

12. To sell his books he would _____.

- A. make the prices very low
- B. high pressure people to buy them
- C. get endorsements from important people
- D. give away gift cards with the books

13. He observed that the people in America had difficulty _____.

- A. understanding one another
- B. reading books
- C. going from one town to another
- D. finding good clothes to wear

14. Webster spoke of a “mother tongue” which meant _____.

- A. mothers should not speak crossly
- B. one language for the country
- C. a kind of plant
- D. mothers were to teach their children

15. Webster decided in order to create a “mother tongue” he would write a _____.

- A. book containing many languages
- B. song about it
- C. dictionary
- D. manual for mothers

16. In his book he changed the _____ of some words.

- A. spelling
- B. usefulness
- C. meaning
- D. markings

17. One word which kept the old spelling was _____.

- A. musick
- B. plough
- C. centre
- D. women

18. Webster spent 20 years and thousands of dollars _____.

- A. printing spelling books
- B. doing plant research
- C. researching the origin of words
- D. building libraries

19. His book has sold more copies than any English book except _____.

- A. the Farmer’s Almanac
- B. the Bible
- C. David Copperfield
- D. A Tale of Two Cities

20. The _____ family bought the right to publish his book.

- A. Merriam
- B. Gutenberg
- C. Harcourt
- D. Foresman