

Assessment

Theme 2: Taxes in U.S. History
Lesson 2: Early Tax Issues

Part 1

Match the clues to the correct term. Write the letter of the correct term in the space provided.

Answer Key:

- A. Infant industry
- B. Nullification
- C. Protective tariff
- D. Revenue tariff
- E. Resources

- _____ 1. Taxes, such as tariffs, are one way to move _____ from one individual, industry, or region of the country to another.
- _____ 2. Some tariffs on foreign goods are imposed in order to protect this from foreign competition.
- _____ 3. A tariff that is designed to shield certain domestic industries from competition is called a _____.
- _____ 4. A tariff that is designed to generate income for the nation is called a _____.
- _____ 5. South Carolina's response to the Tariff of 1832 was to call for this action or rejection of the tax.

Part 2

The clues below refer to either the Tariff of 1832 or the Whiskey Tax. Indicate which tax is being described by writing the name of the tax in the space provided.

1. South Carolina called for nullification of federal tax laws. _____
2. Western farmers rebelled against an unfair tax. _____
3. The President sent troops to put down a rebellion. _____
4. A state threatened to leave the Union. _____
5. The President called for compromise on the tax issue. _____

Part 3

Match the statements to the people who might have said them. Write the letters of the correct people on the lines provided.

Answer Key:

A. President Washington

B. Western farmer

C. Southern landowner

D. Northern manufacturer

E. President Jackson

- _____ 1. “What is to become of our economy when all the wealth is taxed out of our pockets for the benefit of Northern factories? How can our way of life survive?”
- _____ 2. “Out here we’ve got few roads, no post offices, and precious little cash. Whiskey’s all we’ve got to trade with sometimes.”
- _____ 3. “It is in my judgment necessary under the circumstances of the case to take measures for calling forth the militia in order to suppress the [rebellions], and to cause the laws to be duly executed.”
- _____ 4. “Fellow citizens of my native State! Let me not only admonish you, as the first magistrate of our common country, not to incur the penalty of its laws, but use the influence that a father would over his children. . . .”
- _____ 5. “The tariff is necessary in order to protect our industries.”