

Class 11, History,

Chapter 3 , Passage Based Questions

Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow:

Passage 1.

It is interesting to note that another writer, Washington Irving, much younger than Wordsworth and who had actually met native people, described them quite differently.

‘The Indians I have had an opportunity of seeing in real life are quite different from those described in poetry... Taciturn they are, it is true, when in company with white men, whose goodwill they distrust and whose language they do not understand; but the white man is equally taciturn under like circumstances. When the Indians are among themselves, they are great mimics, and entertain themselves excessively at the expense of the whites... who have supposed them impressed with profound respect for their grandeur and dignity... The white men (as I have witnessed) are prone to treat the poor Indians as little better than animals.’

Questions:

- (i) Who is the author of this passage? How did he describe a native?
- (ii) How did William Wordsworth and French philosopher Rousseau view the natives differently?
- (iii) What are the different names used in English to describe native peoples of New World?

Passage 2.

Thomas Jefferson, third President of the USA, and a contemporary of Wordsworth, spoke of the natives in words that would lead to a public outcry today: This unfortunate race which we have been taking so much pains to civilize... have justified extermination.

Questions:

- (i) Who was Thomas Jefferson?
- (ii) Why was Thomas Jefferson known for?
- (iii) What were his views about native Americans?

Passage 3.

**'Kathy my sister with the torn heart,
I don't know how to thank you
For your Dreamtime stories of joy and grief
Written on paperbark.
You were one of the dark children I wasn't allowed to play with
Riverbank campers, the wrong colour (I couldn't turn you white.)
So it was late I met you,
Late I began to know
They hadn't told me the land I loved
Was taken out of your hands.'**

-'Two Dreamtimes', written for Oodgeroo Noonuccal

Questions:

- (i) What do you know about Judith Wright?**
- (ii) How did the European settlers treat the natives?**
- (iii) How did things begin to change for the natives in Australia?**

Passage 4.

Karl Marx (1818-83), the great German philosopher, described the American frontier as "the last positive capitalist utopia...the limitless nature and space to which the limitless thirst for profit adapts itself."

—'Bastiat and Carey', Grundrisse

Questions:

- (i) Who was Karl Marx?**
- (ii) What made him popular?**
- (iii) What was his opinion about the American frontier?**

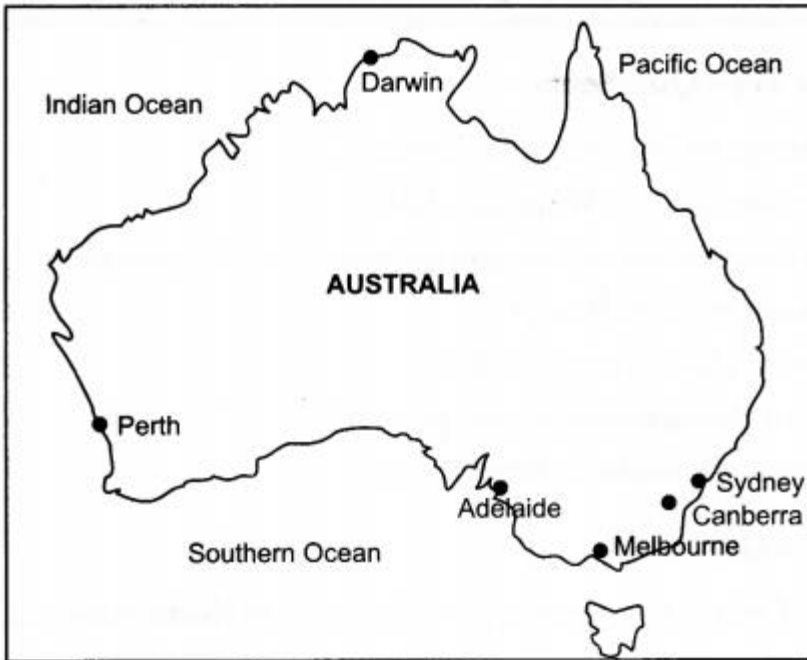
Class 11 History Chapter 3 Map Skills

Question 1.

On the map of Australia mark and locate the following:

- (i) Perth**
- (ii) Sydney**
- (iii) Adelaide**
- (iv) Darwin**

(v) Melbourne
(vi) Canberra
Answer:



Question 2.
On the given map, mark and locate the extent of the U.S.A.

Answer:

