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The first American arrived in North America by _____.	walking from Siberia to Alaska across the Bering Strait
Settlers did NOT come to North America to _____.	develop varied cultures
Christopher Columbus first trip to American was to	find a short route by sea to Asia
The United States did NOT add new territory from taking lands from _____.	Mexico and Canada after the Mexican War
The United States expanded its territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean by _____.	signing treaties, buying land, and fighting wars

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The constitution is _____ _____.	a written plan for the nation's government
A mayor is elected at the _____ _____ level of government.	local
The _____ branch of government makes the nations laws.	legislative
The _____ is the head of the executive branch of government.	President
The United States Constitution can be changed by _____ _____.	an amendment approved by the states

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<p>_____ is NOT a service that is paid for by taxes.</p>	<p>Buying school supplies</p>
<p>A person can become a citizen of the United States by _____.</p>	<p>being born in the United States</p>
<p>All United States citizens do NOT have to _____.</p>	<p>work for the federal government</p>
<p>U.S. children do NOT have to _____.</p>	<p>vote</p>
<p>It is important for Americans to vote because _____.</p>	<p>it makes sure that the government represents the will of the people</p>

There are **3 level** of government in the United States

1. Local government- includes village, town, city, and county governments
2. State governments- set up by the people of each state
3. National government- the government for our entire nation

There are **3 branches** of Government in the United States

1. Legislative Branch- Makes our nations laws (congress)
2. Executive Branch- Enforces our nation's laws (President is the head)
3. Judicial Branch- In charge of interpreting our nation's laws (judges in the Supreme Court)