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American Experience: *The Panama Canal* (10 points)

1. Which country first tried to build a canal through Panama?
a. the British b. the French c. the Dutch d. the Italians
2. What had Ferdinand de Lesseps successfully constructed?
a. the Transcontinental Railroad b. the Brooklyn Bridge c. the Suez Canal
3. What are three reasons building a canal in Panama so difficult (You'll need to watch the entire video for this one)? (3 points)
4. Why did Teddy Roosevelt want a canal through Panama?
5. How did the United States eventually gain access to Panama?
6. Why did the "make dirt fly" approach to building a canal ultimately fail?
7. How did John Stevens try to speed up work on the Canal?
8. How did the Panama Canal overcome the obstacle of elevation?
9. What was the difference between "Gold Role" and "Silver Role" employees?

10. What was the number one killer of workers on the canal? How did Dr. Gorgas try to combat this killer? (two points)

11. Why did Roosevelt replace Stevens with a military man?

12. Why was the Culebra Cut known as "Hell's Gorge"? Why was this a dangerous place to work?

13. How were white workers persuaded to stay in Panama?

14. What was the publicity stunt involved in blowing the Gamboa Dike and completing the canal?

15. What were the human and financial costs involved in constructing the Panama Canal? Do you think it was worth it? Explain? (three points)