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Chapter 19, Section 3 (Panama Canal) Questions

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Directions: Read pages 693-695 in the textbook and answer the following questions.

- 1) Which country was in control of Panama prior to their independence in 1902?
- 2) What is an "isthmus"?
- 3) What two bodies of water does the Panama Canal connect?
- 4) Why was the canal needed?
- 5) Who is William Gorgas, and why was he important to building the canal?
- 6) How many people died during the construction of the canal (while the US was building the canal, not the French)?
- 7) How much did it cost the US to build the canal?
- 8) How long did it take to build the canal?
- 9) What is Quinine?
- 10) How would the world be affected if the Panama Canal did not exist today? How might history have been different, changes affected?