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NEW YORK STATE REGENTS LITERACY TEST
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Read this and then write the answers to the questions. Read it as many times as you want to.

All over the world the United States is known by the name of "Uncle Sam," but formerly the name "Brother Jonathan" was much more popular. The original Brother Jonathan was George Washington's friend, Governor Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut. When troubled by the need of war materials, General Washington would say, "We must consult Brother Jonathan." This expression came into common use and was extended to the American Nation as a whole. During the War of 1812 soldiers inquired about the meaning of the letters "U.S." stamped on government goods. He was told that they stood for "Uncle Sam," the local nickname for Samuel Wilson, the government inspector at Troy, New York. This jest was repeated throughout the country. The name stuck and "Uncle Sam" came to stand for the United States government and the American people.

The answers to the following questions are to be taken from the above paragraph:

1. By what name other than the United States is this country now known?
2. What name was used earlier to represent the United States?
3. Who was Brother Jonathan's friend?
4. In what state did Jonathan Trumbull live?
5. During what war was the name "Uncle Sam" first used for the United States?
6. What letters were stamped on the government goods?
7. What government position did Samuel Wilson hold?
8. In what city did Samuel Wilson live?

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