

Letter to Napoleon (Questions 2 & 3)

Citizen Consul: The minister of the Marine, in the account he gave you of the political situation of this colony, which I devoted myself to making known to him, should have submitted to you my proclamation of last 16 Pluviose [February 5, 1801] on the convocation [start] of a Central Assembly, which would be able to set the destiny of Saint-Domingue [Haiti] through wise laws modeled on the mores [values] of its inhabitants. I today have the satisfaction of announcing to you that the final touch has just been put to this work. I hasten to send it to you in order to have your approval and the sanction of my government. Given the absence of laws, and the Central Assembly having requested to have this constitution provisionally executed, which will more quickly lead it to its future prosperity, I have surrendered to its wishes. This constitution was received by all classes of citizens with transports of joy that will not fail to be reproduced when it will be sent back bearing the sanction of the government. Greetings and profound respect.
[signed: Toussaint Louverture]

Readability Consensus

Based on (7) readability formulas, we have scored your text:

Grade Level: 13

Reading Level: difficult to read.

Reader's Age: 18-19 yrs. old (college level entry)

The History of the Great Irish Famine of 1847 (Questions 4 & 5)

. . . "That the people of Ireland, in their bitter hours of misfortune, have the strongest right to impeach [condemn] the criminality of the ministers of the crown, inasmuch as it has pleased a merciful Providence to favour Ireland in the present season with a most abundant crop of oats. Yet, whilst the Irish harbours are closed against the importation of foreign food, they are left open for the exportation of Irish grain, an exportation which has already amounted in the present season to a quantity nearly adequate to feed the entire people of Ireland, and to avert the now certain famine; thus inflicting upon the Irish people the abject [wretched] misery of having their own provisions carried away to feed others, whilst they themselves are left contemptuously [cruelly] to starve. . . .

Readability Consensus

Based on (7) readability formulas, we have scored your text:

Grade Level: 20

Reading Level: very difficult to read.

Reader's Age: College graduate

First Reading for Questions 22 and 23.

Thomas L. Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2000

Unlike the Cold War system, globalization has its own dominant culture, which is why it tends to be homogenizing. In previous eras this sort of cultural homogenization [uniformity] happened on a regional scale—the Hellenization of the Near East and the Mediterranean world under the Greeks, the Turkification of Central Asia, North Africa, Europe and the Middle East by the Ottomans, or the Russification of Eastern and Central Europe and parts of Eurasia under the Soviets. Culturally speaking, globalization is largely, though not entirely, the spread of Americanization – from Big Macs to iMacs to Mickey Mouse – on a global scale. . . .

Readability Consensus

Based on (7) readability formulas, we have scored your text:

Grade Level: 18

Reading Level: very difficult to read.

Reader's Age: College graduate