NAME: **COURSE:**

Arnie wants Mexican border closed

Arnold Schwarzenegger has called for the USA to "close the borders…all across Mexico" to combat illegal immigration. The tough-talking California Governor was volunteering his views his on making America safer in front of hundreds of reporters at the Newspaper Association of America convention. An aide was quick to jump to his rescue and clarify his comment. In her impromptu effort at damage limitation, Arnie's press secretary Margita Thompson explained that what Arnie really meant was that he wants the borders better policed, not closed: "He wants to make sure that our borders are secured so that we don't have illegal entry."

Schwarzenegger was answering questions at the NAA convention and described border security as a "lax situation" He stressed the need for tougher measures: "it is just unfair to have all those people coming across and have the border open the way it is." He also. lamented the fact that individual American states had little control in immigration matters. Outraged Democrats were quick to pounce on Arnie's gaffe. Fabian Nunez warned Arnie should "ratchet down this rhetoric and retreat from this narrow-minded approach to immigration." Nunez intimated the Governor's ideas resembled those of "political extremists, not rational policy-makers."

QUESTIONS

1. Answer the following questions using your own words. (2 points)

a. What does Arnie want to do with the border? Why?

b. Has his opinion been accepted? Why?

2. Are the following statements *True* or *False*? (1 point)

a. He wants the borders closed to combat drug and people trafficking: _____

b. Arnie believes American states should have more control over immigration: _____

3. Find a word or expression in the text which, in context, is similar in meaning to: (1 point)

a. Assistant: _____ b. Deplored: _____

4. Choose a, b, or c in each question below. Only one choice is correct. (4 points)

1. Arnold was giving his opinion about immigration to
   - *a. his colleagues in Hollywood.*
   - *b. the press.*
   - *c. the immigrants.*
2. Arnie's words were
   - *a. quite unfortunate.*
   - *b. fortunate.*
   - *c. very fortunate.*
3. Arnie wants the border
   - *a. blocked.*
   - *b. better controlled.*
   - *c. less controlled.*

4. The Democrats were

a. very happy to hear Arnie's opinion.
b. very sad to hear Arnie's opinion.
c. very angry to hear Arnie's opinion.

5. Composition (100-150 words) Is immigration a problem or a solution? (4 points)