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# Imperialism - Answer Key

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. During which century did the age of imperialism begin?

A. 1600s

☒ C. 1800s

B. 1700s

D. 1900s

2. What does the phrase "the white man's burden" refer to?

☒ A. the Europeans' belief that they had a mission to civilize people of color

C. a famous song that provides arguments for slavery

B. the European epidemic of back pain as a result of the agricultural revolution

D. Cecil Rhodes's company during the scramble for Africa

3. What was the name of the theory that applied natural selection to civilized society?

☒ A. social Darwinism

C. societal fitness

B. evolutionary society

D. Darwinian economics

4. What was the result of the Sepoy Mutiny?

A. India gained independence from Britain.

☒ C. The British government gained control of India.

B. Indians converted to Christianity.

D. The British East India Company went out of business.

5. Why hadn't conquistadors conquered Africa during the Age of Exploration?

A. Maps of the time period did not include Africa.

C. They were too busy colonizing Latin America.

☒ B. They didn't have the drugs needed to fight malaria.

D. Their ships weren't strong enough to reach the southern tip of Africa.

6. Which two African countries remained independent during the scramble for Africa?

- A. South Africa and Kenya
- ☒ C. Ethiopia and Liberia
- B. North Rhodesia and South Rhodesia
- D. Nigeria and Tanzania

7. How did Cecil Rhodes affect the map of Africa during the age of imperialism?

- A. He helped prevent deforestation in Africa.
- ☒ C. He named two countries after himself.
- B. He created the Rhodes Scholarship.
- D. He changed the shape of the coastline.

8. Who successfully led an African tribe's fight against British colonizers?

- ☒ A. Shaka Zulu
- C. David Livingstone
- B. Cecil Rhodes
- D. Nelson Mandela

9. Which of the following was NOT an effect of the Boer War?

- A. A total of 150,000 Boer women and children were put in forced labor camps.
- C. The British gained control of South Africa.
- ☒ D. Black South Africans immediately gained equal rights.
- B. South African racial conflict arose in the later twentieth century.

10. Why did the French originally enter Vietnam?

- ☒ A. to spread Christianity
- C. to bring cures to common diseases
- B. to share the teachings of Napoleonic Code
- D. to counter German control of the area