

Advanced American History Quiz

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1. Which Supreme Court case established the principle of judicial review, granting the Court the power to declare laws unconstitutional?

- A) McCulloch v. Maryland
- B) Marbury v. Madison
- C) Dred Scott v. Sandford
- D) Gibbons v. Ogden

2. The Compromise of 1850 admitted California as a free state but also included the Fugitive Slave Act, which intensified sectional tensions. What other significant provisions were part of this compromise?

- A) Abolition of slavery in Washington D.C., and popular sovereignty in Utah and New Mexico territories
- B) Immediate emancipation of all enslaved people in the South, and a federal ban on the slave trade
- C) The establishment of the Confederacy, and the election of Jefferson Davis as president
- D) Repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and a declaration of states' rights to secede

3. During the Progressive Era, muckrakers played a crucial role in exposing societal problems. Which of the following authors and their works is NOT accurately paired with the issue they investigated?

- A) Upton Sinclair - The Jungle (meatpacking industry)
- B) Ida Tarbell - The History of the Standard Oil Company (monopolies)
- C) Lincoln Steffens - The Shame of the Cities (urban corruption)
- D) Jacob Riis - How the Other Half Lives (child labor)

4. The Populist movement of the late 19th century primarily advocated for policies that would benefit which group?

- A) Industrial magnates and factory owners
- B) Urban factory workers and laborers
- C) Farmers and agricultural workers
- D) Immigrant communities seeking assimilation

5. What was the primary objective of the Dawes Act of 1887?

- A) To establish reservations for Native American tribes
- B) To assimilate Native Americans into mainstream American society by breaking up tribal lands
- C) To provide financial aid to Native American communities for education and healthcare
- D) To grant full citizenship and voting rights to all Native Americans

6. The concept of 'manifest destiny' heavily influenced American expansionism in the 19th century. Which of these events or policies was LEAST directly aligned with the ideology of manifest destiny?

- A) The Mexican-American War and the acquisition of California
- B) The Oregon Treaty with Great Britain
- C) The Louisiana Purchase from France
- D) The Monroe Doctrine

7. The New Deal programs enacted during Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency aimed to address the Great Depression. Which of the following agencies was established to provide old-age pensions and unemployment insurance?

- A) The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)
- B) The Works Progress Administration (WPA)
- C) The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
- D) The Social Security Administration (SSA)

8. The Truman Doctrine, articulated in 1947, pledged U.S. support to countries threatened by communism. What was a direct consequence of this doctrine in its early years?

- A) The initiation of the Marshall Plan for economic recovery in Western Europe
- B) The formation of the United Nations
- C) The establishment of NATO
- D) The Korean War