

Name: _____ Date: _____

Westworld: Your 12th Grade Guide to Frontier Conflict and Law

Evaluate the legislative failures, ecological shifts, and sovereign disputes that defined 19th-century American expansionism through multifaceted historical analysis.

1. Which legal doctrine was utilized in the Supreme Court case *Johnson v. M'Intosh* (1823) to diminish Indigenous land sovereignty during the expansion era?

- A. The Doctrine of Discovery
- B. The Principle of Effective Occupation
- C. The Right of Conquest
- D. *Uti possidetis juris*

2. The Exoduster movement refers to the mass migration of African Americans from the post-Reconstruction South to Kansas in search of political and economic freedom.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The ____ of 1862 was instrumental in establishing land-grant universities, shifting the focus of Western development toward scientific agriculture and industrial education.

- A. Hatch Act
- B. Morrill Act
- C. Smith-Lever Act
- D. Desert Land Act

4. How did the 'Gadsden Purchase' of 1853 differ in primary motivation from the earlier Annexation of Texas?

- A. It was intended to expand cotton plantations.
- B. It was sought to facilitate a southern transcontinental railroad route.
- C. C
- D. It was designed to protect the California gold fields from Mexico.

5. Following the Texas Revolution, ____, a Tejanos leader and politician, found himself marginalized by incoming Anglo settlers despite his instrumental role in Texas independence.

- A. Mariano Vallejo
- B. Juan Seguín
- C. Lorenzo de Zavala
- D. José Antonio Navarro

6. The 'Safety Valve Theory' suggested that the Western frontier acted as a social stabilizer by absorbing the restless and unemployed population of the urban East.

- A. True

Name: _____ Date: _____

B. False

7. Which 19th-century technological advancement most directly led to the 'range wars' and the eventual end of the open-range cattle industry?

- A. The Steel Plow
- B. The Mechanical Reaper
- C. Barbed Wire
- D. The Telegraph

8. The 1848 _____, which ended the Mexican-American War, not only ceded massive territory but also led to decades of legal battles over existing Mexican land grants in the Southwest.

- A. Treaty of Fort Laramie
- B. Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
- C. Treaty of Ghent
- D. Adams-Onís Treaty

9. The Comstock Lode was a massive gold strike in Idaho that triggered the largest migration of Chinese laborers to the Pacific Northwest in the 1870s.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which specific environmental consequence resulted from the practice of 'hydraulic mining' during the transition to corporate mining in the West?

- A. The creation of alkaline dust bowls.
- B. Massive siltation of rivers and downstream flooding.
- C. The introduction of invasive kudzu vines.
- D. The depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer.