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## Pioneers, Perils, and Perseverance: 5th Grade History Quiz

Evaluate complex territorial disputes and economic motivations using a mixed-format assessment designed to challenge high-level historical reasoning skills.

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**1. The Mexican-American War ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Based on geographical analysis, how did this treaty fundamentally alter the economic future of the United States?**

- A. It gave the U.S. control of the Mississippi River for trade.
- B. It provided deep-water ports on the Pacific Coast, opening trade with Asia.
- C. It allowed for the immediate construction of the Erie Canal.
- D. It prohibited the expansion of ranching in the Southwest territories.

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ was a diplomatic agreement with Great Britain in 1846 that averted war by establishing the 49th parallel as the boundary between U.S. and British North America.**

- A. Gadsden Purchase
- B. Oregon Treaty
- C. Adams-Onis Treaty
- D. Webster-Ashburton Treaty

**3. True or False: The 'Exodusters' were African Americans who migrated to Kansas after the Civil War to escape the Jim Crow South and claim land under the Homestead Act.**

- A. True
- B. False

**4. Beyond the search for gold, why did many Chinese immigrants face unique 'scaffolding' of discrimination, such as the Foreign Miners' Tax of 1852?**

- A. They refused to use modern mining equipment.
- B. They were seen as economic competitors by white miners and local governments.
- C. They were only interested in building the Transcontinental Railroad.
- D. They were required by law to live in East Coast cities.

**5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of 1853 was a small but critical land purchase from Mexico intended to provide a flat southern route for a transcontinental railroad.**

- A. Treaty of Paris
- B. Seward's Folly
- C. Gadsden Purchase
- D. Annexation of Texas

**6. True or False: The introduction of the horse by Europeans had little impact on the hunting methods or territorial power of Great Plains tribes like the Comanche.**

- A. True

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B. False

**7. Examine the environmental impact of the expansion. What was the primary consequence of the 'Great Plow-Up' on the American Great Plains?**

- A. It created a permanent lush rainforest in the Midwest.
- B. It removed prairie grasses, eventually contributing to massive soil erosion.
- C. It led to a decrease in global grain prices that destroyed the U.S. economy.
- D. It prevented the development of irrigation systems.

**8. Chief Joseph of the \_\_\_\_\_ tribe famously stated, 'I will fight no more forever,' after a grueling 1,170-mile retreat toward Canada to avoid reservation life.**

- A. Apache
- B. Nez Perce
- C. Seminole
- D. Iroquois

**9. How did the invention of 'Barbed Wire' by Joseph Glidden in 1874 represent a turning point for the West?**

- A. It allowed Native Americans to protect their ancestral hunting grounds.
- B. It ended the 'Open Range' era, leading to the decline of long-distance cattle drives.
- C. It was primarily used to build the tracks for the Union Pacific Railroad.
- D. It encouraged more people to move back to Eastern cities.

**10. True or False: The Mormon Migration to the Salt Lake Valley was primarily motivated by the desire to find gold and silver in the Utah mountains.**

- A. True
- B. False