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Manifest Destiny on Trial: Your 11th Grade Historiography Challenge

Synthesize primary sources and deconstruct the Turner Thesis to evaluate the socio-economic friction of 19th-century American expansionism.

1. Which 1845 ideological framework, coined by John O'Sullivan, argued that American expansion was not merely a political choice but a divinely ordained necessity?

- A. The Monroe Doctrine
- B. The Doctrine of Discovery
- C. Manifest Destiny
- D. The Popular Sovereignty Principle

2. The 1848 Treaty of ___ formally ended the Mexican-American War, ceding over 500,000 square miles of territory to the United States and intensifying the domestic debate over the expansion of slavery.

- A. Ghent
- B. Guadalupe Hidalgo
- C. Velasco
- D. Fort Laramie

3. Frederick Jackson Turner's 'Frontier Thesis' argued that the encounter between 'civilization and savagery' at the frontier was the primary driver of American democratic identity.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Assess the primary motivation behind the Gadsden Purchase of 1853. What specific economic infrastructure did it aim to facilitate?

- A. The establishment of silver mines in the Mesilla Valley
- B. A flat southern route for a transcontinental railroad
- C. The expansion of the cotton plantation system into Arizona
- D. A buffer zone to prevent Apache raids into Mexico

5. The 1851 Treaty of ___ represented a shift in federal policy toward Native Americans, moving from total removal to defining specific tribal boundaries and allowing the construction of government forts.

- A. Fort Laramie
- B. New Echota
- C. Medicine Lodge
- D. Waitangi

6. Examine the role of the 'Exodusters' during the post-Civil War era. Who were these individuals and what was their primary destination?

- A. Mormons fleeing religious persecution to the Salt Lake Valley

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- B. Scandinavian immigrants seeking timber land in Minnesota
- C. African Americans migrating from the South to Kansas
- D. Confederate veterans relocating to the Brazilian Empire

7. The 'Petaluma and Santa Rosa' decision paved the legal way for the Chinese Exclusion Act by defining Chinese laborers as 'aliens ineligible for citizenship.'

- A. True
- B. False

8. Helen Hunt Jackson's 1881 book, 'A Century of Dishonor', was significant because it:

- A. Celebrated the technological marvel of the Transcontinental Railroad
- B. Chronicled the history of broken treaties and injustices against Native Americans
- C. Argued for the immediate annexation of the Hawaiian Islands
- D. Promoted the use of dry-farming techniques on the Great Plains

9. The ___ movement, a spiritual revival among the Lakota and other tribes in the late 1880s, promised a return to traditional ways of life but was misunderstood by the U.S. military as a prelude to armed uprising.

- A. Sun Dance
- B. Ghost Dance
- C. Peyote Road
- D. Long Walk

10. Which specific environmental challenge led to the development of 'Bonanza Farms' in the late 19th century?

- A. Severe flooding in the California Central Valley
- B. The need for massive capital to implement irrigation and machinery in arid climates
- C. Soil exhaustion in the old tobacco-growing regions
- D. An infestation of boll weevils across the Texas panhandle