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1. Which was a major aim of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions concerning segregation?

- A. to encourage African Americans to seek employment
- B. to end segregation laws that caused inequality
- C. to ensure that all African Americans joined the NAACP
- D. to allow buses to have assigned seats for all passengers

2. The period after the Civil War was known as Reconstruction. To deal with the conditions after the war, the federal government created the Freedmen's Bureau. What was its purpose?

- A. to help Union soldiers
- B. to help Confederate soldiers receive medical care
- C. to help former slaves
- D. to help women obtain the right to vote in elections

3. In 1929, the United States entered an economic slowdown called the Great Depression. One of the early events was the stock market crash. What was a major cause of the stock market crash?

- A. Stock prices went up so fast that investors could not keep up with the changes.
- B. The government decided to close the stock market in New York.
- C. Stock prices fell, investors panicked and sold their stocks, which led to more panic.
- D. People decided to invest their money in stock markets in Europe.

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What book turned many Northerners against slavery?

- A. Hand in Hand
- B. Night Journeys
- C. Uncle Tom's Cabin
- D. The Story of Sacagawea

5. The Great Depression that began in 1929 hit farmers especially hard. Farmers had not been doing well in the 1920s and several years of severe drought turned the land into a "dust bowl." What was an immediate result of this?

- A. Many farmers decided to grow crops that did not use as much water.
- B. The government helped farmers by buying their land and equipment.
- C. Many farmers and their families lost their farms and moved west.
- D. The government built large dams in the West for irrigation.

6. With the introduction of Henry Ford's Model T, automobiles became more common in the 1920s. The automobile has caused many changes in America. Which statement is true?

- A. Automobiles have forced people to live in rural areas.
 - B. More people have chosen to use other forms of transportation.
 - C. Automobiles have allowed people to live farther from their jobs.
 - D. Most people have decided not to use automobiles.
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7. During World War II, Germany, Italy, and Japan were called the Axis Powers. The political leaders of these countries were Adolph Hitler for Germany, Benito Mussolini for Italy, and

- A. Chiang Kai-shek for Japan.
 - B. Emperor Shihuangdi for Japan.
 - C. Mao Tse-tung for Japan.
 - D. Emperor Hirohito for Japan.
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8. Which was the MAIN reason for the United States decision to join the United Nations?

- A. to help end the Great Depression
 - B. to promote world peace
 - C. to fight world hunger
 - D. to rebuild Europe after World War II
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9. The Great Depression was an economic slowdown in the 1920s and 1930s. Which of the following was one cause of the Great Depression in the United States?

- A. the high price of oil
 - B. the end of the gold rush
 - C. the ending of World War II
 - D. the crash of the stock exchange
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10. World War II ended in August 1945 when Japan surrendered. What happened as a result of Japan's surrender?

- A. Harry S. Truman was defeated in his reelection as president.
- B. Americans celebrated the surrender, which was called VJ Day.
- C. Atomic bombs were outlawed for future use.
- D. Japanese Americans started emigrating to Japan again.

Answer Key

1. B) to end segregation laws that caused inequality
2. C) to help former slaves
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