

“Western civilization’s legacy has a dark side” Quiz

1) Read the selection from the section "Colonialism."

There's an African saying that sums up the story of colonialism well:
"When white man came we had the land, they had the Bible. Now we
have the Bible and they have the land."

Based on the selection, what is the author saying about colonialism?

- (A) that colonialism was rooted in trade of land and Bibles between white men and Africans
- (B) that colonialism is just a story of how Europeans wanted to spread Biblical teachings around the world
- (C) that colonialism involved white Europeans pretending to be fair, when in reality, they were greedy
- (D) that colonialism was not as violent and brutal as it is often made out to be

2) Read the paragraph.

Militarism is another result of the colonialism. Colonial powers built up a massive military establishment that continues to loom over the rest of the world. In 2012, the military spending of the United States, Australia, Canada, the UK and New Zealand amounted to \$794 billion. These five countries accounted for 46 percent of total global military spending, with the U.S. accounting for 40 percent. By comparison, China and India’s accounted for 9.5 percent and 2.6 percent respectively of global military spending.

Which of the following phrases from the article helps you understand the meaning of the phrase "loom over"?

- (A) built up
- (B) massive military
- (C) amounted to \$794 billion
- (D) by comparison

3) Which of the following MAIN claims is supported by logical reasons and evidence in the article?

- (A) Judeo-Christian values such as democracy and freedom are central to the legacy of Western civilization.
- (B) Western civilizations brutalized native people and lands for hundreds of years and still reap the benefits.
- (C) The English-speaking nations controls more land than more populated, non-English-speaking countries.
- (D) At the core of colonialism is democracy, which encourages all to establish fair and powerful governments.

4) In the article, the author claims that colonialism continues to benefit countries that descend from Great Britain.

How does the author support this claim in the article?

- (A) by explaining that colonialism was a brutal and violent event that dates back to the 1700s
- (B) by providing evidence of how native peoples were violently treated and forced off their lands
- (C) by highlighting the flaws in democracy and revealing how exclusive that form of government is
- (D) by comparing the populations and land masses of English-speaking and nonEnglish-speaking nations

5) Argument: What was the main event in the article? Was the main event helpful or harmful to society? Make an argument and defend it with specific details from the article.
