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1. The following events took place in the twentieth century.

1. Cold War
2. World War II
3. Breakup of the Soviet Union

What is the correct order of these events?

- A. 1, 2, 3
 - B. 3, 2, 1
 - C. 2, 1, 3
 - D. 2, 3, 1
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2. The United States space exploration that began in the 1960s caused which of these industries to grow rapidly?

- A. automobile
 - B. petroleum
 - C. computer
 - D. chemical
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3. Harlem is a part of New York City. During the 1920s, it was the site of what was called the Harlem Renaissance. Which phrase best describes the Harlem Renaissance?

- A. a revival in African American arts
 - B. a renewed interest in European art
 - C. a movement from rural to urban areas
 - D. a style of architecture found in New York
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4. On December 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor. What was the effect of this attack?

- A. It caused riots and unrest in Japan.
 - B. The surprise attack sank half the British navy.
 - C. It prompted the United States to enter the war.
 - D. The damage crippled the United States economy.
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5. How was the economy of the South different from that of the North before the Civil War?

- A. The South did not import or export many products.
 - B. Most Southern industries grew at a faster rate.
 - C. The South had developed a better system of railroads.
 - D. Much of the Southern agriculture depended on slave labor.
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6. During the 1950s, how did the United States Supreme Court become involved with segregation in public schools?

- A. by writing laws that made segregation in public schools illegal
 - B. by allowing the president of the United States to declare segregation in public schools illegal
 - C. by ruling in several cases that segregation in public schools was illegal
 - D. by supporting an amendment to the Constitution to make segregation in public schools illegal
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7. What resulted from Americans beginning to have more free time during the 1920s?

- A. More people began owning homes.
 - B. More people started working longer days.
 - C. More people began migrating to the cities.
 - D. More people started taking part in sports.
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8. During the late 1800s, many immigrants from Europe and Asia came to the United States. Which statement best describes what these groups experienced in the United States?

- A. Both groups were discriminated against in the work they were permitted to do.
 - B. Only the Asian immigrants experienced discrimination while working on the railroads.
 - C. Only the European immigrants experienced discrimination while working in the cities.
 - D. Both groups immediately blended with the people living in the United States.
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9. Cornelius Vanderbilt was one of the most important business leaders in the United States during the late 1800s. His major business activities were in railroads and

- A. steamships.
 - B. the building of roads.
 - C. automobiles.
 - D. the building of bridges.
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10. In the 1940s, Germany, Italy, and Japan joined together as the Axis Powers. They all followed a policy of militarism. What does this mean?

- A. They protested that Great Britain and France were using their military forces to gain power.
- B. They built up their military forces and used them to gain land and power.
- C. They did not get involved in the activities of other countries.
- D. They shrank the size of their military forces and refused to use force to solve problems.

Answer Key

1. C) 2, 1, 3
2. C) computer
3. A) a revival in African American arts
4. C) It prompted the United States to enter the war.
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