

Test Prep

## Know the News: Monumental Battle

Read the article on pp. 6-9, then answer these questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?
  - Ⓐ Many people disagree about the causes of the Civil War.
  - Ⓑ The removal of Confederate statues has sparked heated debate and violence.
  - Ⓒ New Orleans, Louisiana, recently removed Confederate monuments.
  - Ⓓ Most Confederate monuments are in the South.
  
2. Which statement best supports that central idea?
  - Ⓐ "But the protesters weren't alone."
  - Ⓑ "The two sides soon clashed—first with angry chants, then with . . . pepper spray and fists."
  - Ⓒ "When the [Civil War] began, the Southern economy was mostly agricultural."
  - Ⓓ "Groups are trying to reach a compromise."
  
3. What does *oppression* mean in this sentence? "To many people, Confederate symbols represent . . . the oppression of blacks in the South."
  - Ⓐ rights    Ⓒ persecution
  - Ⓑ support    Ⓓ lives
  
4. What is the main purpose of the map on p. 9?
  - Ⓐ to show where Confederate monuments are located
  - Ⓑ to persuade Southern states to put up additional monuments
  - Ⓒ to show that Confederate monuments are located in the North as well as the South
  - Ⓓ to encourage the removal of all Civil War statues
  
5. What was the purpose of Jim Crow laws?
  - Ⓐ to protect free speech
  - Ⓑ to give African-Americans the right to vote
  - Ⓒ to honor Confederate generals
  - Ⓓ to restrict the rights of blacks
  
6. Which of these events happened first?
  - Ⓐ A rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, turned violent.
  - Ⓑ States began removing Confederate statues.
  - Ⓒ Nine black churchgoers were murdered in Charleston, South Carolina.
  - Ⓓ Monuments honoring Confederate leaders were put up following the Civil War.
  
7. Which of these is an example of *contextualization*?
  - Ⓐ destroying a statue of a Confederate leader
  - Ⓑ adding text to a statue of a Confederate leader that puts the Civil War and its legacy in context
  - Ⓒ ordering that streets named for Confederate leaders be renamed
  - Ⓓ all of the above
  
8. Which of these statements should be included in a summary of the article?
  - Ⓐ Confederate monuments should be removed.
  - Ⓑ The debate continues over how to resolve the controversy over Confederate monuments.
  - Ⓒ Robert E. Lee was a Confederate general.
  - Ⓓ The Southern economy relied heavily on slaves.
  
9. Which can you infer from the article?
  - Ⓐ There are few Confederate monuments left.
  - Ⓑ Most historians now agree that the Civil War had very little to do with slavery.
  - Ⓒ Some states are resisting the push to get rid of Confederate monuments in public places.
  - Ⓓ Everyone who wants to leave Confederate monuments in place is a white supremacist.
  
10. Which best supports your answer to question 9?
  - Ⓐ "However, not everyone agrees with that interpretation [of the Civil War]."
  - Ⓑ "One approach has been to add more information to Confederate monuments."
  - Ⓒ "South Carolina and Alabama took down the Confederate flags on their capitol grounds."
  - Ⓓ "Some [states] have even passed laws banning the removal of any plaque, statue, or monument on public property that commemorates a historic military figure or event."