

Chapter 19: Empires in Collision: Europe, the Middle East, and East Asia, 1800–1914

1. What nineteenth-century state was known as the “Middle Kingdom” to its populace?
 - a. China
 - b. Japan
 - c. Ottoman Empire
 - d. Iran
2. What was the Taiping rebels’ attitude toward women?
 - a. The Taiping rebellion reaffirmed the traditional Chinese belief that women should be silent and tend to their husbands.
 - b. The Taiping rebels’ attitude toward women was inconsistent.
 - c. The Taiping rebellion refused to give women any role in their movement.
 - d. The Taiping rebels proclaimed that all women should be equal to men.
3. Which of the following points was a result of the Opium Wars?
 - a. The Qing dynasty gained in prestige thanks to its strong stand against foreign aggression.
 - b. Trade in opium was made illegal everywhere in the world.
 - c. China was forcibly opened to European trade, including in opium.
 - d. China adopted a policy of isolationism, completely closing its ports to European trade.
4. Qiu Jin is important to Chinese history because
 - a. he led the Taiping Uprising.
 - b. she was an important early nationalist leader.
 - c. he was the last emperor of China.
 - d. as the dowager empress, she controlled China in the second half of the nineteenth century.
5. What were Janissaries?
 - a. Chinese rebels
 - b. Turkish rulers
 - c. Members of the Ottoman military elite
 - d. Members of the Japanese military elite
6. Which of the following points was a characteristic of the Young Turk movement?
 - a. A militantly secular view of public life
 - b. A return to Islamic fundamentals
 - c. Affirmation of the traditional view that a woman’s place is in the home
 - d. Rejection of western values and modernity
7. What was Japan’s reaction to Commodore Perry’s 1853 demand that Japanese ports be opened to foreigners?
 - a. War with the United States
 - b. Capitulation to the demands, leading to a civil war
 - c. Eager and immediate acceptance of what the West had to offer
 - d. Rapid democratization of Japan thanks to U.S. influence

8. Which nineteenth-century non-western state accomplished the most sweeping program of modernization?

- a. India
- b. the Ottoman Empire
- c. Japan
- d. China

9. Who spearheaded Japan's industrialization program?

- a. Foreign investors
- b. The Japanese government
- c. The daimyo
- d. The samurai

10. How devastating was the Taiping conflict relative to other nineteenth-century conflicts in the world?

- a. It was ultimately a minor clash.
- b. It was a medium-scale affair.
- c. It was the worst conflict in Asia during the nineteenth century.
- d. It caused the largest loss of life of any conflict in the nineteenth century.

Answer Key

- 1. a
- 2. b
- 3. c
- 4. b
- 5. c
- 6. a
- 7. b
- 8. c
- 9. b
- 10. d

