

Chapter 8: The Commonwealth of Nations**Quick Review**

Directions: For each question, write the letter of the BEST response on the line beside each question.

- _____ 1. One reason that the British Commonwealth is called a confederation is that member countries
- are voluntary members.
 - must have a constitution.
 - have strong central governments.
 - must do what the majority of members want to do.
- _____ 2. Which countries competed with Great Britain for control over colonies in North America?
- Germany, Russia, and Spain
 - France, Italy, and Spain
 - Germany, Portugal, and Russia
 - France, Holland, and Spain
- _____ 3. Which event led to Britain losing a significant part of its empire?
- American Revolution
 - French & Indian War
 - World War I
 - Vietnam War
- _____ 4. Along with England, which countries are part of the United Kingdom?
- Ireland and Scotland
 - Southern Ireland and Wales
 - Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales
 - Germany, Iceland, and Northern Ireland
- _____ 5. What do Australia, Canada, and the United States have in common?
- They are all former British colonies.
 - Each country fought violently against the British.
 - Their governments are parliamentary democracies.
 - The athletes from each country compete in the Commonwealth Games.
- _____ 6. Which is one reason that British culture was forced upon natives in the colonies?
- to form the British Commonwealth
 - to help natives produce better crops
 - to make the colonists more comfortable
 - to ensure that peace treaties were successful
- _____ 7. Which BEST describes the British Commonwealth?
- a confederation of countries with close ties to the United Kingdom
 - an organization dedicated to increasing the area of the British Empire
 - the leaders of countries who meet with the United Kingdom each year
 - a group of countries that have trade agreements with the United Kingdom

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- _____ 8. What is one requirement for membership in the British Commonwealth?
- a. be a former British colony
 - b. have equal rights for citizens
 - c. government must be a parliamentary democracy
 - d. agree to sign an exclusive trade pact with the United Kingdom
- _____ 9. Which is true of British colonists in Australia, Canada, and the United States?
- a. They wanted to learn the traditions of the natives.
 - b. They had a larger population than that of the natives.
 - c. They forced the natives to be slaves on their plantations.
 - d. They spoke only the language of the natives of the colonies.
- _____ 10. What is one benefit of being a member of the British Commonwealth?
- a. guaranteed membership for life
 - b. a group of allies around the world
 - c. removal of all tariffs and barriers to trade
 - d. a seat on the United Nations Security Council

