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Empire Timeline

Directions: Read the list of historical events and the descriptions that follow. Match each event to its correct description by writing the event's letter next to the matching explanation. Think carefully about the countries involved and their impact on colonial and imperial expansion.

- A. Berlin Conference (1884-1885)
- B. Scramble for Africa (late 1800s)
- C. Indian Rebellion (1857)
- D. Opium Wars (1839-1860)
- E. Sepoy Mutiny (1857)

- F. Treaty of Nanking (1842)
- G. Meiji Restoration (1868)
- H. Boer War (1899-1902)
- I. Spanish-American War (1898)
- J. Boxer Rebellion (1900)

____ 1. European powers met to divide African territory without consulting African leaders, setting boundaries that reshaped the continent.

____ 2. A war between Britain and China triggered by drug trade disputes, leading to forced trade concessions and the loss of Hong Kong.

____ 3. Nationalist fighters in China sought to expel foreign influence and missionaries but were ultimately defeated by an international alliance.

____ 4. This conflict saw the United States emerge as a global power by defeating Spain and acquiring overseas territories such as the Philippines.

____ 5. British and Dutch settlers in South Africa clashed over gold, diamonds, and imperial control, leading to harsh concentration camps.

____ 6. A violent uprising of Indian soldiers against British rule, sparked by cultural and religious tensions, resulting in Britain taking direct control of India.

____ 7. European nations raced to seize African lands and resources, establishing colonies to expand power and wealth.

____ 8. The treaty that ended the first major drug war between Britain and China, forcing China to open ports and cede Hong Kong.

____ 9. Japan's leaders restored imperial rule and rapidly industrialized to resist Western domination and become a modern power.

____ 10. A massive revolt that reflected Indian resentment of foreign rule and disrespect for native culture, marking a turning point in colonial control.