

# Mfecane



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Circle **O** the correct answer

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- C- A period of conflict in southern Africa.

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- A- It means "the crushing."
- B- It means "the expansion."
- C- It means "victory."

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- A- True
- B- False

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- A- Nationalism
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- C- the emergence of the aggressive Zulu kingdom and the intensifying competition for land.

**5. What is the amabutho system developed during the period of Mfecane?**

- A- A system of law to govern the people
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**6. What were some of the purposes of the amabutho?**

- A- To protect the kings.
- B- To uphold the laws of the kingdom.
- C- They performed labor, police the chiefdom's subjects, and defend the chiefdom against outside enemies.

**7. The central clashes of the Mfecane, those that started the early migrations, occurred in an area that later became known as Zululand.**

- A- True
- B- False



## Mfecane



8. During the Mfecane, the Zulu and Ndebele raids depopulated some regions to such an extent that the whites (Afrikaners) entering the area believed that they discovered uninhabited lands for settlement.
- A- True  
B- False
9. The Mfecane helped stimulate the advance of white settlers into the interior.
- A- True  
B- False
10. In which year did the Mfecane come to an end?.
- A- The 1840s  
B- The 1740s  
C- The 1940s
11. The Mfecane helped bring about white dominion over southern Africa.
- A- True  
B- False
12. The Mfecane also helped to create African kingdoms that survived the white territorial dominion.
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