

GIII-Social Darwinism

- Theory created by Charles Darwin
- Stated “Survival of the Fittest”
- This theory was used to justify imperialism by the European’s during the 1800s
- Claimed the Europeans had a right to control weaker nations

Sample Questions

1. The theory of Social Darwinism was sometimes used to justify

- (1) the establishment of communist governments in Asia
- (2) Latin American revolutions in the early 19th century
- (3) the independence movement in India
- (4) European imperialism in the late 19th century

2. Which statement would Social Darwinists most likely support?

- (1) Universal suffrage is a basic human right.
- (2) Political equality strengthens the effectiveness of government.
- (3) Stronger groups have the right to rule and control weaker groups.
- (4) Public education should be guaranteed to all members of a society.