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History revisited

Reading

- 1 Read the three articles that explain steampunk. Match each article (A–C) with one of the main topics (1–5) below. There are two extra main topics.

- 1 Design and technology _____
- 2 Fashion _____
- 3 Music _____
- 4 Vehicles and transportation _____
- 5 Literature and movies _____

- 2 Match the images (1–3) with the articles (A–C).

A _____ B _____ C _____

- 3 Which of the articles contain the following information about steampunk? Write A, B, or C. Some ideas appear in more than one article.

- 1 It's influenced by the 1800s. _____
- 2 It features certain colors and shades. _____
- 3 Machines are important in steampunk. _____
- 4 A good way to understand it is to get together with people who are interested in it. _____
- 5 The materials things are made of are an important part of steampunk. _____
- 6 You can enjoy steampunk by bringing certain objects into your home. _____
- 7 Steampunk explores what might have happened if history had been different. _____
- 8 The look of steampunk comes partly from the entertainment industry. _____

- 4 Circle the statement which best synthesizes the three articles and accompanying images.

- a Steampunk is a style of clothing and design that is based on the fashion and technology of the 1800s. Books have been written and movies have been made about steampunks and their lifestyle.

- b Steampunk is a style in fashion, design, technology, art, and entertainment that is strongly influenced by the clothing and technology of the 1800s. Steampunk imagines a past that never happened.

- c Steampunk is a style of movie and novel that has given designers and engineers ideas for new alternative technologies. It focuses on using technology and materials that were common during the 1800s.

- 5 Look at the reference words in bold in the texts (1–8). Circle the correct option (a–c) for each.

- 1 a the steampunk look
b clothing
c Victoria
- 2 a dark colors
b clothing from the 1800s
c walking sticks and watches
- 3 a industrial safety equipment
b elegant clothes
c steampunk style
- 4 a current keyboards
b current energy sources
c current style and technology
- 5 a steampunk design
b steam power
c electricity
- 6 a the 1850s
b computers
c flying machines
- 7 a technology
b science fiction
c the world of steampunk
- 8 a Miyazaki's movies
b readers and viewers
c familiar images and ideas