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# Jack Johnson: Defender of His Race Worksheet

#### **Instructions:**

Fill out the questions below. Notice that many questions have multiple parts, so make sure to answer each part. The section of the reading is always given, so that you know where to look for the answer. However, information for the answer is spread throughout the entire section: so make sure to keep adding to your answer as you read the section.

### **Questions:**

## **Boxing: The Struggle Against Racial Oppression**

1. *Thinking About Global Connections:* As an increased amount of black men began travelling across the world, what did they learn? When they returned home, what did they tell their communities?

2. *Thinking About Technology:* How was film used by American and European imperial powers? Why did interracial fight films become globally popular?

#### Jack Johnson & a World Split in Two

3. *Thinking About Global Context:* Why was Johnson's success in the boxing ring so upsetting to white Americans and Europeans? What else was happening in the world that caused them to be so fearful?

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4. *Thinking About Technology:* How did films of interracial boxing contribute to the diverse people of the world beginning to split into two groups: "white" people, and members of the "darker races" (known today as "people of color")?

## Johnson's Exile and the Mexican Revolution

5. *Thinking About Movement and Migration:* Why did ten's of thousands of white Americans live in Mexico?

6. *Thinking About Global Connections:* Why did Jack Johnson encourage African Americans to move to Mexico, and even join the Mexican army? Why did Johnson's statements seriously concern the U.S. government?