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 - c. intelligent

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 - a. race and religion
 - b. perseverance and success
 - c. all of the above

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 - b. Agricultural practices
 - c. Love of the arts

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 - a. opposition to semantics
 - b. prejudice against black Americans
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7. Discuss the positive character traits that Theodor Herzl displayed in organizing the first Zionist Congress.

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____ Theodor Herzl died in 1904.

____ First Zionist Congress

____ The Diaspora

____ The Babylonians destroyed the first temple.

Extension Activity:

Theodor Herzl wrote a speech to persuade the delegates at the Zionist Congress that the Jews needed to regain their ancient homeland. Think of an issue or injustice that you feel strongly about. Write a short speech that might persuade others toward your point of view.

Theodor Herzl | Answer Key

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Sample answer: It was important for the Jews to regain their homeland because the land was promised to the Jews by God, and their holy city, Jerusalem, was selected by Him. The Jewish people settled in many far-off places and have been terribly persecuted and mistreated over many generations. But the Jewish people always remembered Israel as their only God-given home.
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Sample answer: Theodor Herzl was bold and determined to work toward his goal. His loyalty to his faith and his people led to the formation of the modern country of Israel,

something that may not have ever been possible without his hard work and perseverance.

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