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August Wilson - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. What was August Wilson's real name?

- A. Paul Hillman Ellison
- B. August Fredericks

- ☒ C. Frederick August Kittel
- D. Troy Maxson

2. Which of these does NOT describe Wilson and his family?

- A. Of mixed race
- ☒ B. From Philadelphia

- C. Raised mainly by a single mother
- D. Living in both urban and suburban neighborhoods

3. Wilson quit school at the age of {}.

- A. 14
- ☒ B. 15

- C. 16
- D. 17

4. What did Wilson do after leaving school?

- A. He started a tutoring business.
- B. He ran away from home.

- ☒ C. He focused on reading books to educate himself.
- D. He considered a career as a film actor before starting to write poems.

5. Why did Wilson give himself a pen name?

- A. To write in secret
- B. To make himself sound more educated

- C. To avoid a scandal
- ☒ D. To honor his mother

6. Wilson was the {} of Black Horizon Theater.

- A. principal actor
- ☒ B. cofounder and director
- C. sole founder
- D. secret benefactor

7. Which of these was Wilson's first major play?

- A. *The Piano Lesson*
- B. *Fences*
- ☒ C. *Jitney*
- D. *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*

8. Wilson's well known series of 10 plays was called {}.

- A. *The American Way*
- B. *The Black Horizon*
- C. *The Philadelphia Story*
- ☒ D. *The Pittsburgh Cycle*

9. True or False: Wilson ignored race relations in his writing.

- A. True
- ☒ B. False

10. Wilson received {} for his play *Fences*.

- ☒ A. a Tony Award and a Pulitzer Prize
- B. two Tony Awards
- C. an Academy Award
- D. a Golden Globe Award and an Emmy Award