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Colonial America - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. What is a colony?

- A. A territory that has certain traits in common with other territories near it
- C. A territory that does not follow any rules or laws
- B. A territory where people can practice their religion freely
- ☒ D. A territory that is settled and governed by another country

2. Where in North America did England set up its first 13 colonies?

- A. The Southwest
- C. The Northwest
- ☒ B. The East Coast
- D. The Southern Islands

3. True or False: People already lived in North America where the English set up colonies.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

4. Why did many people come to the New England colonies from England?

- A. For economic freedom
- ☒ C. For religious freedom
- B. For political freedom
- D. For educational freedom

5. The New England colonies' economy was largely based on _____.

- A. Farming
- C. Artisanal crafting
- B. Manufacturing textiles
- ☒ D. Fishing and whaling

6. The _____ colonies included people from the most diverse group of European countries.

- A. New England
- ☒ B. Middle
- C. Southern
- D. Southwest

7. Which crop grew well in the Middle colonies' climate?

- A. Cotton
- B. Tobacco
- ☒ C. Wheat
- D. Soybeans

8. Which of the following was NOT part of the Southern colonies?

- A. Maryland
- B. Virginia
- ☒ C. New Jersey
- D. Georgia

9. In the Southern colonies, what was the economy mostly based on?

- A. Shipbuilding
- B. Producing iron and glass
- C. Growing small amounts of barley and rye
- ☒ D. Producing cash crops on large plantations

10. When did slavery legally end in the United States?

- A. 1619
- B. 1750
- C. 1832
- ☒ D. 1863