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Colonial America - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. What is a colony?

- A. a place that has certain traits in common with other places near it
- B. a place where people can't practice their religion freely
- C. a place that's settled by people inside their home country but does not follow the rules of that home country
- ☒ D. a place that's settled by people outside their home country and belongs to or is ruled by that home country

2. Why did most people come to the New England colonies?

- ☒ A. They wanted the freedom to practice their religion the way they wanted.
- B. They wanted to make money by working in factories.
- C. They were taken from their home countries and forced to work there as slaves.
- D. They were looking for a more diverse place to live.

3. Which of the following best describes how slaves were treated in the Southern colonies?

- A. They were treated well and given free education.
- ☒ B. They were beaten and treated very badly.
- C. They were paid to do skilled jobs and housework.
- D. They were paid to do work in factories.

4. The { } colonies included people from the most diverse group of European countries.

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

5. In New England, men gathered to discuss the issues of the town at

- A. ports.
- B. factories.
- C. plantations.
- ☒ D. meetinghouses.

6. Which of the following best describes the experience of African-American people in the New England colonies?

- A. All lived free and were treated the same as white people.
- B. All were enslaved.
- ☒ C. Some lived free but were treated differently than white people, and some were enslaved.
- D. Some lived free and were treated better than white people, and some were enslaved.

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

- A. shipbuilding
- B. producing iron and textiles in factories
- C. whaling and fishing
- ☒ D. producing cash crops on large farms

8. Which crop grew well in the Middle colonies because of the climate?

- ☒ A. wheat
- B. cotton
- C. tobacco
- D. fish

9. Which of the following was ****not**** part of the Southern colonies?

- A. Maryland
- B. Virginia
- ☒ C. Delaware
- D. Georgia

10. Which colony region had many factories that supplied paper, textiles and iron?

- A. the New England colonies
- ☒ B. the Middle colonies
- C. the Southern colonies