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Emmett Till - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Where was Emmett Till born?

- A. Atlanta, GA
- B. Boston, MA
- ☒ C. Chicago, IL
- D. Milwaukee, WI

2. Why was Emmett Till in Money, Mississippi?

- ☒ A. He convinced his mother to let him visit his great uncle.
- B. He was born there and his mother decided they should move back.
- C. He was in Mississippi for a school field trip and got lost.
- D. He was sent there for summer camp.

3. Till and his friends went into a { } to buy refreshments after a long day of work.

- A. gas station
- ☒ B. grocery store
- C. pharmacy
- D. restaurant

4. Carolyn Bryant claimed that Emmett Till { }.

- A. called the police on her
- B. stole gum
- ☒ C. grabbed her and whistled at her
- D. broke a window

5. After Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam kidnapped and murdered Till, they { }.

- A. fled to another state
- B. turned themselves in
- C. apologized to Till's great uncle
- ☒ D. threw his body into a river

6. Till's body was unrecognizable when it was found. He was identified by his {}.

- ☒ A. ring
- B. shoes
- C. necklace
- D. hair

7. Why did Mamie Till want to have an open casket funeral?

- ☒ A. So the world could see what happened to her son
- B. So she could get more media attention for her church
- C. So Bryant and Milam would be forced to attend
- D. So Mississippi would institute anti-lynching laws

8. True or False: Thousands of people came to Chicago to attend Till's funeral.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

9. Which of the following best describes Till's funeral?

- A. A moment of reflection for Bryant and Milam
- ☒ B. A critical early moment in the civil rights movement
- C. A big story in Chicago and Money, but nowhere else
- D. A symbol of the end of Jim Crow

10. Till's murderers were {}.

- A. arrested and sentenced to life in prison
- B. found in Canada 15 years after the murder
- ☒ C. acquitted by an all-white jury
- D. offered a plea bargain and served five years each