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FDR Speech - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which of the following was true during the Great Depression?

- A. The stock market gained \$30 billion.
- ☒ C. Over 30,000 American businesses failed.
- B. Acts passed by Herbert Hoover fixed the economy.
- D. The US suffered the second worst economic depression in history.

2. In FDR's inaugural address, he said, "The only thing we have to fear is _____."

- A. truth
- ☒ B. fear itself
- C. terror
- D. the Depression

3. What happened on October 29, 1929?

- A. Herbert Hoover was elected president.
- ☒ C. The stock market crashed.
- B. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected president.
- D. The Second New Deal began.

4. One cause of the Great Depression was _____, or buying and selling stock with the risk of making or losing a lot of money.

- ☒ A. speculation
- C. prosperity
- B. retreat
- D. recovery

5. What was the purpose of FDR's New Deal?

- A. to defeat Herbert Hoover in the presidential election
- C. to allow himself to give fireside chats
- ☒ D. to help the US recover from the Depression
- B. to squash the Bonus Army's rebellion

6. According to FDR, what does terror do?

- ☒ A. Terror paralyzes efforts to move forward.
- B. Terror allows us to endure conditions facing our country.
- C. Terror prevents us from speaking the truth.
- D. Terror causes greater terror.

7. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was _____.

- A. the president during Black Tuesday
- B. unwilling to try many things to fix the Depression
- ☒ C. the longest-sitting president in US history
- D. a leader that people feared

8. How did FDR and Hoover differ in their responses to the Bonus Army?

- A. FDR sent the military to squash the rebellion, but Hoover sent his wife to meet with the men.
- ☒ B. Hoover sent the military to squash the rebellion, but FDR sent his wife to meet with the men.
- C. FDR refused to give the men their war bonus, but Hoover gave them the bonus.
- D. FDR declared the men national heroes, but Hoover declared the march unconstitutional.

9. What is the best description of FDR's attitude toward recovering from the Depression?

- A. disinterested
- B. laid-back
- ☒ C. determined
- D. surprised

10. According to his inaugural address, which of the following did FDR believe?

- A. We don't need to talk truthfully about what's happening in the country, but things will get better.
- B. We should hide from the conditions facing the country.
- C. We should admit that conditions in the country are so bad that it will never get better.
- ☒ D. We should speak truthfully about what's happening in the country, and things will get better.