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Flint Water Crisis - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Before changing its water supply to the Flint River, Flint received its water from _____.

- A. Lake Huron
- ☒ C. the Detroit water system
- B. the Gulf of Mexico
- D. Lake Erie

2. Why did the city decide to switch its water supply to the Flint River?

- ☒ A. to save money
- B. to preserve the environment
- C. to allow Flint residents to get water more quickly
- D. to save energy

3. After the water supply was changed, the residents of Flint complained about the _____ of the new water.

- A. taste
- B. color
- C. smell
- ☒ D. all of the above

4. What was found in the new water supply?

- ☒ A. bacteria and toxins
- B. food coloring and flavoring
- C. silver and gold
- D. soap and dirt

5. When Detroit offered to reconnect Flint to its water supply, what did Flint's financial manager do?

- A. He accepted the offer and reconnected Flint.
- ☒ B. He rejected the offer.
- C. He said that Flint was going to connect to Indiana's water supply.
- D. He asked Flint residents to vote on the issue.

6. Which element was found in the new water and in some Flint residents' blood?

- A. carbon
- B. chlorine
- C. helium
- ☒ D. lead

7. What did 26,000 people do in response to the situation in Flint?

- A. moved away from Flint
- B. resigned from the government
- C. stopped drinking all water
- ☒ D. signed a petition demanding the water supply be switched

8. For how long was the city of Flint drinking water that had been leaching lead?

- A. 6 months
- B. 12 months
- ☒ C. 18 months
- D. 24 months

9. How did Obama respond to the situation in Flint in January 2016?

- A. He refused to provide federal aid.
- B. He said he was not worried about the situation.
- C. He recommended that everyone move out of Michigan.
- ☒ D. He declared a state of emergency.

10. What did residents demand of Michigan officials?

- A. their re-election
- ☒ B. their resignation
- C. their money
- D. their houses