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The French Revolution - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which of the following was a cause of the French Revolution?

- ☒ **A.** unfair taxation of the Third Estate
- B.** the First Estate's desire for freedom of religion
- C.** Napoleon's invasion of Russia
- D.** disputes over whether use of the guillotine should continue

2. King Louis XVI's life can best be described as _____.

- A.** simple
- B.** underprivileged
- ☒ **C.** lavish
- D.** ordinary

3. Which of the following is a reason that the Third Estate was angry with King Louis XVI?

- A.** King Louis XVI forced all members of the Third Estate to work at Versailles.
- ☒ **C.** King Louis XVI ignored the Third Estate's votes.
- B.** King Louis XVI outlawed all philosophers in France.
- D.** King Louis XVI invaded Russia.

4. Leaders of the French Revolution were inspired by _____.

- A.** the Napoleonic Code
- ☒ **B.** the ideas of Enlightenment philosophers
- C.** the Reign of Terror
- D.** Russian theory

5. Robespierre's reign can best be described as _____.

- A.** peaceful
- B.** tolerant
- C.** uneventful
- ☒ **D.** violent

6. Which of the following describes the correct order of events?

- ☒ A. 1. the Tennis Court Oath
2. the Storming of the Bastille
3. the Reign of Terror
- B. 1. the Reign of Terror
2. the Tennis Court Oath
3. the Storming of the Bastille
- C. 1. the Tennis Court Oath
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3. the Storming of the Bastille
- D. 1. the Storming of the Bastille
2. the Tennis Court Oath
3. the Reign of Terror

7. Who led the Jacobins during the Reign of Terror?

- A. Napoleon Bonaparte
- ☒ C. Maximilien de Robespierre
- B. King Louis XVI
- D. the clergy

8. In 1804 Napoleon crowned himself the _____ of France.

- A. king
- C. philosopher
- B. president
- ☒ D. emperor

9. Which of the following is true about Napoleon?

- A. He led the revolutionaries who overthrew King Louis XVI.
- ☒ B. He carried out a coup in France, conquered land and passed liberal laws.
- C. Along with the Third Estate, he swore the Tennis Court Oath.
- D. He stormed the Bastille in order to steal gunpowder for his weapons.

10. Which of the following caused Napoleon's decline?

- ☒ A. a disastrous invasion of Russia
- C. the American Revolution
- B. the storming of the Bastille
- D. the rise of King Louis XVIII