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Frida Kahlo & Self-Expression - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which of these events happened to Kahlo when she was six?

- A. Her mother died.
- ☒ B. She contracted polio.
- C. She was in a car accident.
- D. She began attending art classes.

2. Which of these events happened **before** Kahlo was injured in a bus accident?

- ☒ A. She met Diego Rivera.
- B. She befriended Leon Trotsky.
- C. The Louvre bought one of her paintings
- D. She learned that she could not give birth to a child.

3. Which of these best describes Diego Rivera?

- A. a founder of surrealism who championed Kahlo's work in France
- ☒ C. a muralist who met Kahlo while she was in school and later became her husband
- B. a general in the Mexican Revolution who became a national hero
- D. a Russian revolutionary who befriended Kahlo as an adult and lived with her when he was exiled

4. Kahlo began painting self-portraits while she was

- A. studying the Mexican Revolution.
- B. mourning the death of her mother.
- C. traveling with Rivera throughout the US.
- ☒ D. recovering from injuries sustained in a bus accident.

5. True or False: Kahlo never became pregnant.

- A. True
- ☒ B. False

6. One effect of the bus accident was that Kahlo

- ☒ A. could not give birth.
- B. never walked again.
- C. had trouble sleeping.
- D. could not hear out of her left ear.

7. Which of these best describes Kahlo's art?

- ☒ A. portraits that used symbols and surrealism to explore themes related to her identity
- B. large scale, publicly accessible murals that portrayed historic events in Mexico's past
- C. canvases filled with color and abstract shapes that represented the anxiety of her time
- D. compositions of small, thin brush strokes that depicted the effect of light on landscapes

8. How did Kahlo frequently paint herself?

- A. smiling
- B. sleeping
- ☒ C. suffering
- D. working

9. Which of these phrases did Kahlo include on her final painting?

- A. "Te amo" ("I love you")
- ☒ B. "Viva la vida" ("Long live life")
- C. "Viva Mexico" ("Long live Mexico")
- D. "No me arrepiento de nada" ("I regret nothing")

10. What happened to Kahlo's childhood home, La Casa Azul?

- A. It was turned into an art school.
- B. It was destroyed in an earthquake.
- ☒ C. It was turned into a museum of her work.
- D. It was destroyed by the Mexican government.