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George Washington Carver & Innovation - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. When was George Washington Carver born?

- A. near the end of the American Revolutionary War
- B. at the beginning of World War II
- C. in the middle of the Great Depression
- ☒ D. near the end of the American Civil War

2. Which of these did George Washington Carver invent?

- A. peanut candy
- B. peanut soap
- C. milk from sweet potatoes
- ☒ D. all of the above

3. George Washington Carver was the first

- ☒ A. African-American student to graduate from Iowa State University.
- B. African-American student to graduate from any college in the United States.
- C. African-American professor to teach at the Tuskegee Institute.
- D. African-American justice of the Supreme Court.

4. Which of the following did George Washington Carver study in college and graduate school?

- A. archaeology, the science of the human past
- ☒ B. agriculture, the science of farming
- C. astronomy, the science of outer space
- D. pharmacology, the study of medicine and its effects

5. What is the Tuskegee Institute?

- A. a large farm where Carver worked as a cotton farmer
- ☒ B. a historically black school where Carver taught
- C. a historically black church that Carver attended
- D. a small plantation where Carver spent his childhood

6. How did cotton affect Southern farms?

- A. Cotton made the soil too wet for crops to grow.
- ☒ C. Cotton harmed the soil by taking nutrients that crops need to grow.
- B. Cotton made the soil very rich with nutrients, which helped crops grow.
- D. Cotton grew wild, taking over the land needed for other crops.

7. Why did Carver suggest planting peanuts and sweet potatoes?

- A. because these crops are more nutritious than what Southern farmers had been eating
- ☒ C. because these crops would bring nutrients back into the soil
- B. because these crops would dry out the wet soil
- D. because these crops would kill the wild cotton

8. Carver's method for switching between planting peanuts and sweet potatoes and cotton is called

- ☒ A. crop rotation.
- B. crop altercation.
- C. farm expansion.
- D. farmication.

9. Why did Carver use a school on wheels?

- A. so he could teach people about the uses of the automobile
- ☒ B. so he could bring his inventions and methods into the fields to teach farmers
- C. so he could bring his medicines to poor farmers who couldn't afford them
- D. so he could plant cotton and teach his students at the same time

10. Why did Carver invent hundreds of uses for sweet potatoes and peanuts?

- ☒ A. because farmers were now growing these crops to keep their soil healthy, and they needed something to do with them
- B. because he wanted to make these crops useful for soldiers fighting in the war
- C. because he wanted to convince the president to give money to farmers who were planting these crops in Alabama
- D. because he wanted to show his first science teacher that he had become a great inventor

