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George Washington & Public Service - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Where did George Washington live as a child?

- ☒ A. on a plantation
- B. on a mountain
- C. in a big city
- D. in a forest

2. What was Washington's first job?

- A. president
- ☒ B. surveyor
- C. senator
- D. baker

3. What does a surveyor do?

- ☒ A. measure land
- B. work on a farm
- C. govern colonies
- D. command armies

4. Right after his father died, Washington

- A. joined the army.
- B. ran away to New York.
- C. wrote a book about his father's life.
- ☒ D. helped his mother run the plantation.

5. As Commander of the Continental Army, Washington led troops against the British in

- A. the Civil War.
- B. the War of 1812.
- C. the War of the Roses.
- ☒ D. the American Revolution.

6. Which of the following does **not** describe George Washington?

- ☒ A. hostile
- B. honest
- C. humble
- D. hard-working

7. How did Washington become the first president of the United States?

- A. He took control by force.
- ☒ B. He was elected by unanimous vote.
- C. He won a duel against another candidate.
- D. He won a close race against another candidate.

8. Which of the following is a precedent that Washington set as the first president?

- A. choosing the members of Congress
- ☒ C. assembling a cabinet
- B. writing the Constitution
- D. living in the Capitol

9. Why did Washington step down after two terms as president?

- A. He didn't like being president.
- ☒ C. He didn't want the government to become a monarchy.
- B. He wanted to focus on his family.
- D. Most citizens disapproved of the job he was doing as president.

10. Washington stated that his slaves should be freed

- A. when his father died.
- ☒ B. in his will after he died.
- C. right after marrying Martha.
- D. when he became president.