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Ida B. Wells

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. In what year was Ida B. Wells born?

A. 1776

C. 1900

B. 1862

D. 1964

2. After her parents died, Wells found work as a(n) { }.

A. housekeeper

C. librarian

B. nanny

D. teacher

3. Why did Wells take this job?

A. To cover the cost of starting a newspaper

C. To pay her college tuition

B. To raise money for protesting lynching

D. To support her younger siblings

4. Why did Wells lose her teaching job?

A. She had been overheard discussing her dislike of the teaching profession.

C. She was not providing students with a well-rounded education.

B. She had publicly exposed inequities in the school system.

D. She was devoting all her time to exposing the evils of lynching.

5. Wells worked as a(n) { } for the *Free Speech and Headlight.*

A. artist

C. photographer

B. journalist

D. secretary

- 6.** What event motivated Wells to launch an investigation of lynching?
- A. A letter from a relative of a lynching victim
 - B. A speech by an anti-lynching activist
 - C. The lynching of three Black grocers
 - D. The passage of a pro-lynching law
- 7.** Wells's investigation revealed that only about a third of lynching victims {}.
- A. had been accused of crimes
 - B. had been innocent
 - C. had received a trial
 - D. had resisted arrest
- 8.** What happened to Wells as a result of her investigation?
- A. Her home was burned to the ground.
 - B. Her newspaper office was destroyed.
 - C. She was arrested and jailed.
 - D. She was physically harmed in an attack.
- 9.** What did Wells do after this event?
- A. She became a well-respected children's author.
 - B. She moved and continued her anti-lynching work.
 - C. She relocated to France and started a newspaper there.
 - D. She returned to her teaching career.
- 10.** True or False: Wells travelled internationally to raise awareness of lynching.
- A. True
 - B. False