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Ida B. Wells - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

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

- A. 1776
- ☒ B. 1862
- C. 1900
- D. 1964

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

- A. housekeeper
- B. nanny
- C. librarian
- ☒ D. teacher

3. Why did Wells take this job?

- A. To cover the cost of starting a newspaper
- B. To raise money for protesting lynching
- C. To pay her college tuition
- ☒ 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.
- ☒ B. She had publicly exposed inequities in the school system.
- C. She was not providing students with a well-rounded education.
- 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
- ☒ B. journalist
- C. photographer
- D. secretary

6. What event motivated Wells to launch an investigation of lynching?

- A. A letter from a relative of a lynching victim
- ☒ C. The lynching of three Black grocers
- B. A speech by an anti-lynching activist
- 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
- C. had received a trial
- B. had been innocent
- D. had resisted arrest

8. What happened to Wells as a result of her investigation?

- A. Her home was burned to the ground.
- C. She was arrested and jailed.
- ☒ B. Her newspaper office was destroyed.
- 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.
- C. She relocated to France and started a newspaper there.
- ☒ B. She moved and continued her anti-lynching work.
- D. She returned to her teaching career.

10. True or False: Wells travelled internationally to raise awareness of lynching.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False