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James Baldwin

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Where was James Baldwin born?

- A. New York City
- B. Boston
- C. Chicago
- D. Los Angeles

2. True or False: Baldwin's grandfather was once enslaved.

- A. True
- B. False

3. Which of these writers was a mentor for Baldwin?

- A. Langston Hughes
- B. Jean Toomer
- C. Zora Neale Hurston
- D. Richard Wright

4. True or False: Baldwin attended Columbia University.

- A. True
- B. False

5. What was Baldwin's first novel?

- A. *Giovanni's Room*
- B. *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
- C. *Another Country*
- D. *If Beale Street Could Talk*

6. Baldwin considered himself first and foremost a(n) { } writer.

- A. American
- B. Black
- C. French
- D. European

7. Why did some Black critics disapprove of Baldwin?
- A. Because he did not openly condemn racism
 - B. Because he moved to France instead of staying in the US
 - C. Because they thought he should write solely for Black people instead of addressing white people
 - D. Because they thought he should publish more novels instead of writing essays
8. In the novel {}, Baldwin wrote about a Black man in prison for a crime he did not commit.
- A. *Giovanni's Room*
 - B. *The Fire Next Time*
 - C. *Another Country*
 - D. *If Beale Street Could Talk*
9. Baldwin often wrote about {} relationships, which were considered controversial at the time.
- A. same-sex
 - B. interracial
 - C. extramarital
 - D. All of the above
10. Where and when did Baldwin die?
- A. France, 1987
 - B. New York City, 1993
 - C. Los Angeles, 1999
 - D. Hong Kong, 2005