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James Baldwin - Answer Key

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
- ☒ C. Because they thought he should write solely for Black people instead of addressing white people
- B. Because he moved to France instead of staying in the US
- 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*
- C. *Another Country*
- B. *The Fire Next Time*
- ☒ D. *If Beale Street Could Talk*

9. Baldwin often wrote about {} relationships, which were considered controversial at the time.

- A. same-sex
- C. extramarital
- B. interracial
- ☒ D. All of the above

10. Where and when did Baldwin die?

- ☒ A. France, 1987
- C. Los Angeles, 1999
- B. New York City, 1993
- D. Hong Kong, 2005