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The Oregon Trail - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which of these is a reason why people wanted to move out west in the mid-1800s?

- A. to take advantage of cheap or free land
- B. to escape religious persecution
- C. to find jobs
- ☒ D. all of the above

2. The Oregon Trail was _____ miles long.

- A. 20
- B. 200
- ☒ C. 2,000
- D. 20,000

3. What do missionaries feel a duty to do?

- A. teach people how to swim
- B. create jobs in unsettled areas
- C. study the wildlife of a certain area
- ☒ D. bring religious teachings to people

4. Pioneers traveled in covered wagons pulled by

- ☒ A. oxen.
- B. mules.
- C. horses.
- D. buffalo.

5. What was the large movement of pioneers going west across the Oregon Trail called?

- A. the Oxen Train
- B. the Great Escape
- C. the Westward Tide
- ☒ D. the Great Emigration

6. Which of these was the greatest cause of death on the Oregon Trail?

- A. poisoning
- ☒ B. illness and injury
- C. encounters with animals
- D. conflicts with Native Americans

7. Pioneers used _____ to guide their way on the Oregon Trail.

- A. street signs
- B. paved roads
- C. government-made maps
- ☒ D. natural and man-made landmarks

8. When did England officially give the Oregon Territory to the United States?

- A. 1776
- B. 1801
- ☒ C. 1846
- D. 1895

9. The Oregon Trail was the only way to travel from Missouri to the West Coast until the

- A. development of the automobile industry.
- ☒ B. completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.
- C. building of bridges over the Mississippi River.
- D. construction of Los Angeles International airport.

10. True or False: The Oregon Trail has been designated a national historic trail.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False