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Slavery in America - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Where did the first ship carrying kidnapped Africans to America arrive in 1619?

A. Plymouth, Massachusetts

C. Charleston, South Carolina

B. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

☒ D. Jamestown, Virginia

2. The people on this ship were { }, meaning they could eventually buy their freedom.

A. political prisoners

C. temporary workers

☒ B. indentured servants

D. military officers

3. What part of the triangular trade route brought enslaved people from Africa to America?

☒ A. The Middle Passage

C. The Northeast Passage

B. The Bermuda Triangle

D. The Circular Route

4. Before the cotton gin was invented, which of the following crops was the main export of labor by enslaved people?

A. Coconut

☒ C. Tobacco

B. Tea

D. Rubber

5. Which of the following laws made it legal for enslavers to recapture enslaved people who had escaped?

☒ A. Fugitive Slave Act

C. Compromise of 1877

B. Census Act of 1790

D. Three-Fifths Compromise

6. True or False: Kidnapped indentured servants from Africa were originally promised freedom and land after several years of work.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

7. Who granted the Royal African Company a charter to traffic human beings from Africa to the Americas?

- ☒ A. King Charles II
- B. King Charles III
- C. George Washington
- D. Abraham Lincoln

8. Colonists passed legislation that made it illegal for enslaved people to {}

- A. learn how to read and write
- B. move freely
- C. assemble
- ☒ D. all of the above

9. True or False: By the time Abraham Lincoln won the presidential election in 1860, America's enslaved population had increased to about four million.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

10. Which of the following holidays is celebrated to honor formerly enslaved people?

- A. Memorial Day
- ☒ B. Juneteenth
- C. Veterans Day
- D. Fourth of July