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Slavery in America

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
- B. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- C. Charleston, South Carolina
- D. Jamestown, Virginia

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

- A. political prisoners
- B. indentured servants
- C. temporary workers
- D. military officers

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

- A. The Middle Passage
- B. The Bermuda Triangle
- C. The Northeast Passage
- 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
- B. Tea
- C. Tobacco
- D. Rubber

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

- A. Fugitive Slave Act
- B. Census Act of 1790
- C. Compromise of 1877
- 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