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Frederick and Abraham - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Abraham Lincoln said, "I do not expect the Union to be **dissolved**," or _____.

- ☒ A. ended
B. changed
C. united
D. deprecated

2. What does **concedes** mean in the following Frederick Douglass quote?

"Power concedes nothing without a demand."

- A. speaks ill of
B. gives in to
C. carry on
D. claim

3. What does **endure** mean in the following Abraham Lincoln quote?

"I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free."

- A. speak ill of
B. divide
C. carry on
D. change

4. In his famous speech, Lincoln compared the Union to a(n) _____.

- A. ocean
B. bolt of lightning
C. ship
D. house

5. According to Lincoln, the nation cannot stand when it's _____.

- A. united together
B. deprecating agitation
C. divided against itself
D. demanding power

6. Why did many slave owners prohibit their slaves from learning to read and write?

- ☐ A. Slave owners feared their slaves would write books and make money.
- ☒ B. Slave owners feared their slaves would use reading and writing skills to escape oppression.
- ☐ C. Slave owners thought slaves would run for Senate seats if they knew how to read and write.
- ☐ D. Slave owners did not want to spend money buying reading materials for slaves.

7. In the 1850s, the _____ party was mostly proslavery, and the _____ party was mostly antislavery.

- ☒ A. Democratic, Republican
- ☐ B. Republican, Democratic
- ☐ C. Democratic, Southern
- ☐ D. Northern, Republican

8. What did Lincoln mean when he said that "the nation will become all one thing or all the other"?

- ☐ A. Everyone in the nation will either move to the North or to the South.
- ☐ B. Either everyone in the nation will become slaves, or everyone will become free.
- ☐ C. All slaves will live either in the North or in the South.
- ☒ D. Slavery will either become legal in both the North and South or be abolished in both the North and South.

9. Which of the following is a reason that the nation was divided in the 1800s?

- ☐ A. Some people in the North were morally against slavery.
- ☐ B. Slavery supported the Southern economy and Southern society.
- ☐ C. Northern businesses did not like competing with slave labor in the South.
- ☒ D. all of the above

10. Frederick Douglass was _____.

- ☒ A. born a slave and went on to become a leading abolitionist
- ☐ B. born free and went on to become a leading abolitionist
- ☐ C. born a slave and never learned to read or write
- ☐ D. born free and taught himself to read and write