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Spartacus & Ancient Rome - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. According to legend, Rome was founded by _____.

- A. Julius Caesar
- B. two gods, Jupiter and Mars
- C. a slave named Spartacus
- ☒ D. twins named Romulus and Remus

2. Which of the following is a **false** statement?

- A. In the early Roman Republic, two consuls led the government together.
- B. In the early Roman Republic, the Senate was elected and served for life.
- ☒ C. In the early Roman Republic, women could be elected to Senate but could not serve as consuls.
- D. In the early Roman Republic, tribunes were elected to represent the poorer class.

3. Gladiators were _____.

- ☒ A. usually slaves forced to fight to the death to entertain Roman crowds
- B. bodybuilders who were treated like celebrities throughout Rome
- C. the winners of the first Punic War
- D. the Roman gods for whom the planets are named

4. Julius Caesar was killed because _____.

- A. he lied to his good friend Brutus
- ☒ B. he was getting too powerful
- C. he crossed the Rubicon River
- D. he wanted to return Rome to the republican model

5. Who was the first Roman emperor?

- A. Marc Antony
- B. Julius Caesar
- ☒ C. Augustus Caesar
- D. Nero

6. Constantine stopped the persecution of the _____.

- A. Jews
- B. plebeians
- C. gladiators
- ☒ D. Christians

7. What was someone likely to do in Rome's forum?

- ☒ A. eat at a restaurant and hear a speech
- B. bury someone who had died
- C. make a sacrifice to the gods
- D. farm the land and construct an aqueduct

8. Vesuvius was _____.

- ☒ A. a volcano that erupted and buried the town of Pompeii
- B. Rome's fifth emperor who poisoned his rivals
- C. the capital of the Roman empire in what is now Turkey
- D. a Roman building that tourists still visit today

9. Which of the following is a **true** statement?

- A. Spartacus' uprising ended slavery in Rome.
- B. Spartacus led the conspiracy to kill Julius Caesar.
- ☒ C. Spartacus and his army were ultimately defeated.
- D. Spartacus eventually converted to Christianity.

10. The Twelve Tables were _____.

- ☒ A. laws that protected people's basic rights to be free
- B. the rules for what emperors could legally do
- C. famous pieces of furniture in the Colosseum
- D. laws of Christianity written by Constantine