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The Enlightenment - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. The Scientific Revolution sparked an emphasis on { }.

- ☒ A. rational thought
- B. religion
- C. superstition
- D. capitalism

2. During which centuries did the Enlightenment take place?

- A. 14th and 15th centuries
- ☒ C. 17th and 18th centuries
- B. 16th and 17th centuries
- D. 19th and 20th centuries

3. Which of these best describes the Enlightenment?

- A. An organized movement
- ☒ C. An organic spread of ideas
- B. A religious calling
- D. A government-led initiative

4. The shift to scientific methods of thinking challenged the authority of { }.

- ☒ A. the church
- C. free market capitalism
- B. the Roman Empire
- D. Nicolaus Copernicus

5. True or False: John Locke believed people are born as a blank slate and develop character through experience.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

6. John Locke believed government should be a(n) { } in which a ruler is granted power in exchange for the protection of their subjects' rights.

- A. monarchy
- C. direct democracy
- B. edict
- ☒ D. social contract

7. French Enlightenment thinkers were known as {}.

A. sophists

B. friars

☒ C. philosophes

D. Fundamentalists

8. What did Montesquieu believe would prevent a tyrannical ruler from gaining too much power?

A. Direct democracy

C. Religious tolerance

☒ B. Separation of powers

D. Civil service examinations

9. True or False: Jean-Jacques Rousseau believed a representative democracy best reflected the will of the people.

A. True

☒ B. False

10. Which of these revolutions were inspired by Enlightenment thought?

A. American Revolution

C. French Revolution

B. Haitian Revolution

☒ D. All of the above