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The Tuskegee Airmen

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first Black American _____.
 - A. college graduates
 - B. military pilots
 - C. navy sailors
 - D. Marines

2. In which war did the Tuskegee Airmen serve?
 - A. Civil War
 - B. World War I
 - C. World War II
 - D. Vietnam War

3. During World War II, the US military was _____.
 - A. segregated
 - B. integrated
 - C. only open to white Americans
 - D. nonexistent

4. Who founded the Tuskegee Institute?
 - A. W.E.B. Du Bois
 - B. Booker T. Washington
 - C. George Washington Carver
 - D. Thomas Edison

5. Which event propelled the United States into World War II?
 - A. The bombing of Pearl Harbor
 - B. The bombing of Hiroshima
 - C. Hitler's invasion of Poland
 - D. The discovery of German spies in America

6. What nickname was given to the Tuskegee Airmen and other Black pilots in World War II?
 - A. Blue Wings
 - B. Green Belts
 - C. X-Wings
 - D. Red Tails

7. What were the Tuskegee Airmen known for?

- A. Escorting bomber planes
- B. Bombing enemy submarines
- C. Circling the globe
- D. Sneaking into enemy camps

8. About how many pilots graduated from the Tuskegee program?

- A. 10
- B. 100
- C. 1,000
- D. 10,000

9. What was the hypocrisy pointed out by civil rights leaders regarding the Tuskegee Airmen?

- A. Black people weren't treated as equals in the US, but were expected to defend America's democratic ideals overseas.
- B. Black men were now allowed to serve as Air Corps pilots, but Black women were still barred from joining the military at all.
- C. Black troops were being sent to Europe, but not Asia.
- D. Black pilots were being treated with more respect than other military personnel, but all troops should be treated equally.

10. True or False: Some Tuskegee Airmen went on to have long careers in the military.

- A. True
- B. False