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# The Tuskegee Airmen - Answer Key

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
- ☒ C. World War II
- B. World War I
- 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
- ☒ C. 1,000
- B. 100
- 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