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Voting - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. In the US, presidential elections occur every { } years.

- A. two
- ☒ B. four
- C. six
- D. eight

2. Which of these best describes the history of voting rights in the US?

- A. The only major change to voting rights in the US occurred when the 26th Amendment lowered the voting age.
- ☒ B. At the founding of the country, voting was a right granted to White, landowning men. Different activists from different eras in history worked hard to expand and protect voting rights for Black Americans, women, and other formerly excluded groups.
- C. Voting has been a right granted and protected to men and women of all races since the founding of the country.
- D. At the founding of the country, voting was a right granted only to White, landowning men. A single piece of legislation in 1865 expanded and protected voting rights for men and women of all races.

3. True or False: In the US, elections take place every year to determine officeholders at the federal, state, and local levels.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

4. A US citizen's right to vote is { }.

- A. determined at a state level
- B. dependent on different socioeconomic factors
- ☒ C. guaranteed in several places throughout the Constitution
- D. guaranteed by the Supreme Court

5. What did the Voting Rights Act of 1965 do?

- A. Allow Black Americans to vote
- B. Allow White women to vote
- ☒ C. Banned suppression tactics like literacy tests
- D. Said states no longer had to get preclearance from the federal government to change voting laws