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Discovering America - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Why did the Europeans call the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Creek, Choctaw and Seminole tribes "civilized"?

- A. because they practiced agriculture
- ☒ B. because of how their governments were organized
- C. because they spoke English
- D. because they lived in the same kind of houses that Europeans lived in

2. Which of the following best describes the Aztec center Tenochtitlán?

- A. a small village
- ☒ C. a large city
- B. a medium-sized town

3. What first motivated Christopher Columbus to try to travel to Asia?

- ☒ A. He wanted to find gold, spices and new trade routes.
- B. He wanted to capture native people to make into slaves.
- C. He wanted to discover new places for Spanish people to live because Spain was overcrowded.
- D. He wanted to learn about non-European cultures and languages.

4. How did the Spanish help the Great Plains Indians become better hunters?

- A. They taught them European hunting methods.
- ☒ B. They introduced them to horses.
- C. They provided them with guns.
- D. They gave them protection while they hunted.

5. The early Americans were nomadic, which means they _____.

- A. refused to fight in wars
- ☒ C. moved from place to place
- B. built permanent settlements
- D. relied on farming for food

6. In which modern-day South American country did Incan civilization begin?

- A. Ecuador
- B. Chile
- ☒ C. Peru
- D. Argentina

7. Which of the following best describes the quota system Columbus' crew set up in Hispaniola?

- A. Indians had to give the Spanish a certain amount of their land.
- B. Indians had to give the Spanish a certain number of people as slaves.
- C. Indians had to give the Spanish a certain percentage of their maize.
- ☒ D. Indians had to give the Spanish a certain amount of gold.

8. In what is now the Southwest US, the Anasazi people _____.

- ☒ A. built caves in the sides of cliffs
- B. performed human sacrifices
- C. played ceremonial board games
- D. irrigated crops with water from the Mississippi River

9. How did the Arawak people react to Columbus' arrival?

- A. They captured Columbus' crew and made them slaves.
- B. They attacked Columbus' ships.
- C. They ignored Columbus and his crew.
- ☒ D. They greeted Columbus with gifts.

10. What motivated the first Americans to cross the Bering Strait into America?

- A. They were trying to spread Siberian culture.
- B. They were escaping invasion by the Spanish.
- C. They were looking for more fertile farmland.
- ☒ D. They were following the woolly mammoth they hunted.