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How Did We Get Here? Analyzing Change in 1st Grade Modern US History

Students investigate how modern innovations like space travel and personal tech changed daily life through evidence-based analysis and evaluation tasks.

1. Sally Ride was a scientist who traveled into space. If you were a leader today, why would sending different types of people to space be important?

- A. It helps everyone feel they can achieve big goals.
- B. Space is too cold for most people to visit.
- C. Only one person is allowed to go at a time.
- D. Scientists do not need help from other people.

2. Before Steve Jobs made small computers for homes, most computers were so big they filled an entire room.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The _____ is a global tool that connects people's computers, allowing us to share information instantly today.

- A. Telephone booth
- B. Internet
- C. Newspaper
- D. Typewriter

4. Imagine you are living in the 1970s with an 'Oil Crisis.' If there isn't enough gas for cars, how does this change how a family gets groceries?

- A. They would buy more gas than usual.
- B. They might have to walk or wait in long lines.
- C. Cars would start running on water instead.
- D. The grocery store would move to their house.

5. Maya Lin designed a famous wall in Washington D.C. to help people remember and honor soldiers from the Vietnam War.

- A. True
- B. False

6. When First Lady Michelle Obama started the 'Let's Move!' plan, she wanted every child in America to be _____.

- A. Healthy and active
- B. Good at video games
- C. Fast at driving cars

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D. Quiet all day

7. In the 1990s, the Hubble Space Telescope was sent into the sky. How does a telescope in space help us more than one on the ground?

- A. It can take photos without clouds getting in the way.
- B. It is much closer to the Sun so it stays warm.
- C. It can land on other planets to collect rocks.
- D. It is cheaper to build a telescope in space.

8. Modern history shows us that Americans never disagree about how the country should be run.

- A. True
- B. False

9. After the 9/11 attacks, the United States created the Department of _____ Security to help keep people safe at airports.

- A. Outer Space
- B. Homeland
- C. Animal
- D. Computer

10. If you look at a photo of a classroom from 1970 and a photo from today, what is the most likely modern change you would see?

- A. Students using pencils to write.
- B. Students using tablets or smart boards.
- C. Teachers talking to their students.
- D. Desks and chairs for sitting down.