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## Will You Bridge the Gap? 5th Grade Modern U.S. Pulse Quiz

The Space Shuttle era, Voyager missions, and ADA legislation—analyze the technological leaps and civil rights milestones that defined late 20th-century America.

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**1. In 1981, NASA launched the first Space Shuttle, named Columbia. How was this vehicle different from previous spacecraft like the ones used in the Moon landings?**

- A. It was designed to be reused like an airplane.
- B. It could only stay in space for one hour.
- C. It did not require any fuel to launch.
- D. It was the first ship to land on Mars.

**2. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed in 1990, required public places to have 'reasonable accommodations' like ramps and Braille signs.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. In 1977, the \_\_\_\_\_ spacecraft was launched to study the outer solar system and eventually became the first human-made object to enter interstellar space.**

- A. Apollo 11
- B. Voyager 1
- C. Sputnik
- D. Challenger

**4. The 1978 Camp David Accords were a major diplomatic success for President Jimmy Carter. What was the primary goal of this meeting?**

- A. To end the Cold War with the Soviet Union
- B. To create a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel
- C. To decide on new laws for the internet
- D. To celebrate the 200th birthday of the U.S.

**5. In the late 1990s, the Human Genome Project began successfully mapping all the genes in human DNA.**

- A. True
- B. False

**6. Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs changed modern life in the late 1970s and 80s by moving computers from giant labs into people's homes. What was their company called?**

- A. IBM
- B. Google
- C. Apple

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D. Nintendo

**7. Sally Ride became a famous figure in American history in 1983 because she was the first \_\_\_\_\_ to travel into space.**

- A. American Woman
- B. School Teacher
- C. Doctor
- D. President

**8. In 1989, the fall of the Berlin Wall symbolized the beginning of the end for which major global conflict?**

- A. The Revolutionary War
- B. The Cold War
- C. The War of 1812
- D. World War I

**9. The 'Dust Bowl' was a major environmental challenge that took place in the United States during the 1990s.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. Which 1990s invention allowed people to browse information using 'hyperlinks' and helped the World Wide Web grow rapidly?**

- A. The Television
- B. The Radio
- C. The Mosaic Web Browser
- D. The Printing Press