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Wrangle the Digital Frontier: A 5th Grade Modern US History Quiz

Synthesize 10 complex challenges regarding space exploration, diplomatic shifts, and grass-roots movements from the 1970s to today.

1. In 1977, the Voyager 1 and 2 probes launched to study the outer planets. Which of these items was included on the probes to communicate with possible extraterrestrial life, showing the US's hope for global connection?

- A. A digital computer hard drive
- B. A Golden Record with sounds and images of Earth
- C. A flag signed by every member of Congress
- D. A television broadcast of the moon landing

2. Sally Ride became the first American woman in space in 1983, breaking gender barriers in the STEM fields during the late 20th century.

- A. True
- B. False

3. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter hosted the _____ Accords, a historic peace treaty signed between the leaders of Egypt and Israel at a presidential retreat.

- A. White House
- B. Camp David
- C. Peace Garden
- D. Mount Vernon

4. The 1980 'Miracle on Ice' was a famous Olympic hockey game where the US defeated the Soviet Union. Why was this sports event so significant to US History beyond the game itself?

- A. It was the first time hockey was broadcast on TV
- B. It ended the Cold War immediately
- C. It boosted American morale during a time of high Cold War tensions
- D. It led to the invention of the internet

5. In 1990, the Americans with _____ Act (ADA) was signed into law, ensuring that people with physical or mental challenges have equal rights in public spaces.

- A. Limitations
- B. Disabilities
- C. Differences
- D. Hardships

6. The Mars Pathfinder mission in 1997 deployed the first robotic rover to explore the surface of another planet. What was the name of this small, six-wheeled rover?

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- A. Curiosity
- B. Perseverance
- C. Sojourner
- D. Spirit

7. The 'Great Recession' that began in late 2007 was caused in part by a collapse in the United States housing market.

- A. True
- B. False

8. In 2012, the rover _____ landed on Mars inside Gale Crater, using a complex system involving a 'sky crane' to study if Mars ever had life.

- A. Endeavour
- B. Atlantis
- C. Discovery
- D. Curiosity

9. The 'Human Genome Project,' completed in 2003, was a massive international effort to do what?

- A. Map all the stars in the Milky Way
- B. Identify and map all human genes
- C. Build a bridge across the Atlantic Ocean
- D. Create a new language for computers

10. The 19th Amendment was the first time in modern US history that technology and social media were used to organize a protest.

- A. True
- B. False