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Answer Key: Smartphones and Space: A 3rd Grade Trip Through Modern Times Quiz

Third graders identify life-changing inventions like GPS and touchscreens while recognizing the first woman to lead a mission to the International Space Station.

1. Which of these inventions allows people to find their exact location and get driving directions anywhere in the world?

Answer: B) GPS (Global Positioning System)

GPS uses satellites in space to help us find our way on smartphones and in cars.

2. True or False: Personal computers were small enough for most people to have in their homes during the 1940s.

Answer: B) False

Computers in the 1940s were as big as whole rooms; they didn't become common in homes until much later.

3. In 2007, a company called Apple released the _____, which changed how we use the internet and talk to friends.

Answer: C) iPhone

The iPhone was a major invention in modern history that put a powerful computer in people's pockets.

4. Who was the first female commander of the International Space Station (ISS) in 2007?

Answer: B) Peggy Whitson

Peggy Whitson is a famous astronaut who helped lead the team of scientists living in space.

5. True or False: Modern recycling programs were started to help protect the Earth's environment for the future.

Answer: A) True

In modern history, people have worked harder to create recycling systems to reduce trash and save resources.

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6. What is the name of the giant 'library' of information that connects computers all over the world today?

Answer: B) The World Wide Web (Internet)

The internet allows us to share videos, games, and information instantly across the globe.

7. The _____ Games are a modern sporting event where athletes with disabilities compete from many different countries.

Answer: B) Paralympic

The Paralympics are an important part of modern history showing that everyone can be a great athlete.

8. True or False: Video calls (like Zoom or FaceTime) were a common way for 3rd graders to talk to their grandparents in the year 1950.

Answer: B) False

Video calls are a modern technology; in 1950, people primarily used landline telephones or wrote letters.

9. To help the planet, many modern car companies are now building _____ cars that run on batteries instead of gasoline.

Answer: A) Electric

Electric cars, like those made by Tesla, are a major shift in how we travel in the 21st century.

10. Which of these is a way that kids today can help make history in their own communities?

Answer: B) Starting a community garden or food drive

Modern history is full of ordinary people, including children, taking action to improve their world.