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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?

- A. The Printing Press
- B. GPS (Global Positioning System)
- C. The Steam Engine
- D. A Paper Map

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

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. Telephone
- B. Radio
- C. iPhone
- D. Television

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

- A. Sally Ride
- B. Peggy Whitson
- C. Amelia Earhart
- D. Rosa Parks

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

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. The Telegraph
- B. The World Wide Web (Internet)
- C. The Post Office
- D. The Encyclopedia

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

- A. World Cup
- B. Paralympic
- C. Super Bowl
- D. X Games

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.

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. Electric
- B. Steam-powered
- C. Flying
- D. Wooden

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

- A. Ignoring their neighbors
- B. Starting a community garden or food drive
- C. Waiting for someone else to fix problems
- D. Avoiding school