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Operation Time Machine: 3rd Grade Modern History Quest

Evidence analysis, sequencing, and cultural impact — students identifying the inventions and heroes that changed how we live today in this engaging review session.

1. Which invention from the 1970s allowed people to watch movies at home for the first time using a plastic tape?

- A. The DVD player
- B. The VCR
- C. The Smartphone
- D. The iPad

2. The Mars Pathfinder mission in 1997 was the first time the U.S. sent a robotic rover to explore the surface of the Red Planet.

- A. True
- B. False

3. In 1983, _____ became the first American woman to travel into outer space.

- A. Amelia Earhart
- B. Sally Ride
- C. Rosa Parks
- D. Ruby Bridges

4. Which of these became a popular way for children to play games in the 1980s, changing how we use technology for fun?

- A. The Nintendo Entertainment System (NES)
- B. Virtual Reality headsets
- C. Radio programs
- D. Board games like Chess

5. The first 'smartphones' that could browse the web and take photos existed in the 1970s.

- A. True
- B. False

6. In 1981, the American government launched 'Columbia,' which was the world's first reusable _____.

- A. Submarine
- B. Jet Engine
- C. Space Shuttle
- D. Electric Car

7. Which significant change happened to American schools and many offices during the 1990s?

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- A. They stopped using paper entirely.
- B. They began connecting to the World Wide Web (the Internet).
- C. They went back to using only typewriters.
- D. They stopped teaching math.

8. Sonia Sotomayor made history in 2009 by becoming the first Hispanic Justice on the United States Supreme Court.

- A. True
- B. False

9. The _____ was a major project in the 2000s that allowed several countries to work together building a laboratory in space.

- A. Moon Base One
- B. International Space Station
- C. Galactic Telescope
- D. Starship Enterprise

10. In the 2010s, what became a very common way for people to help the environment in their own neighborhoods?

- A. Curbside recycling and using reusable bags
- B. Traveling only by horse and carriage
- C. Throwing all trash into the ocean
- D. Stopping the use of all electricity